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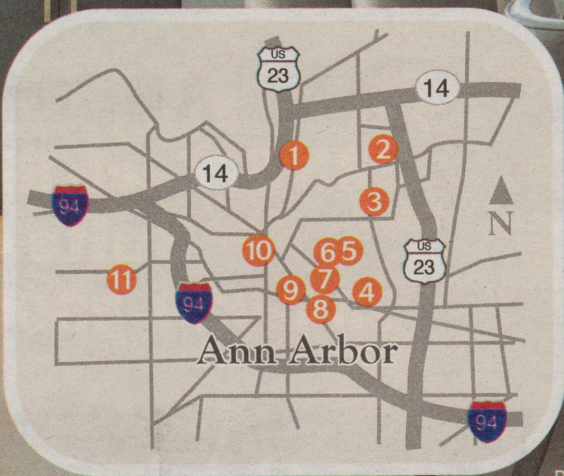
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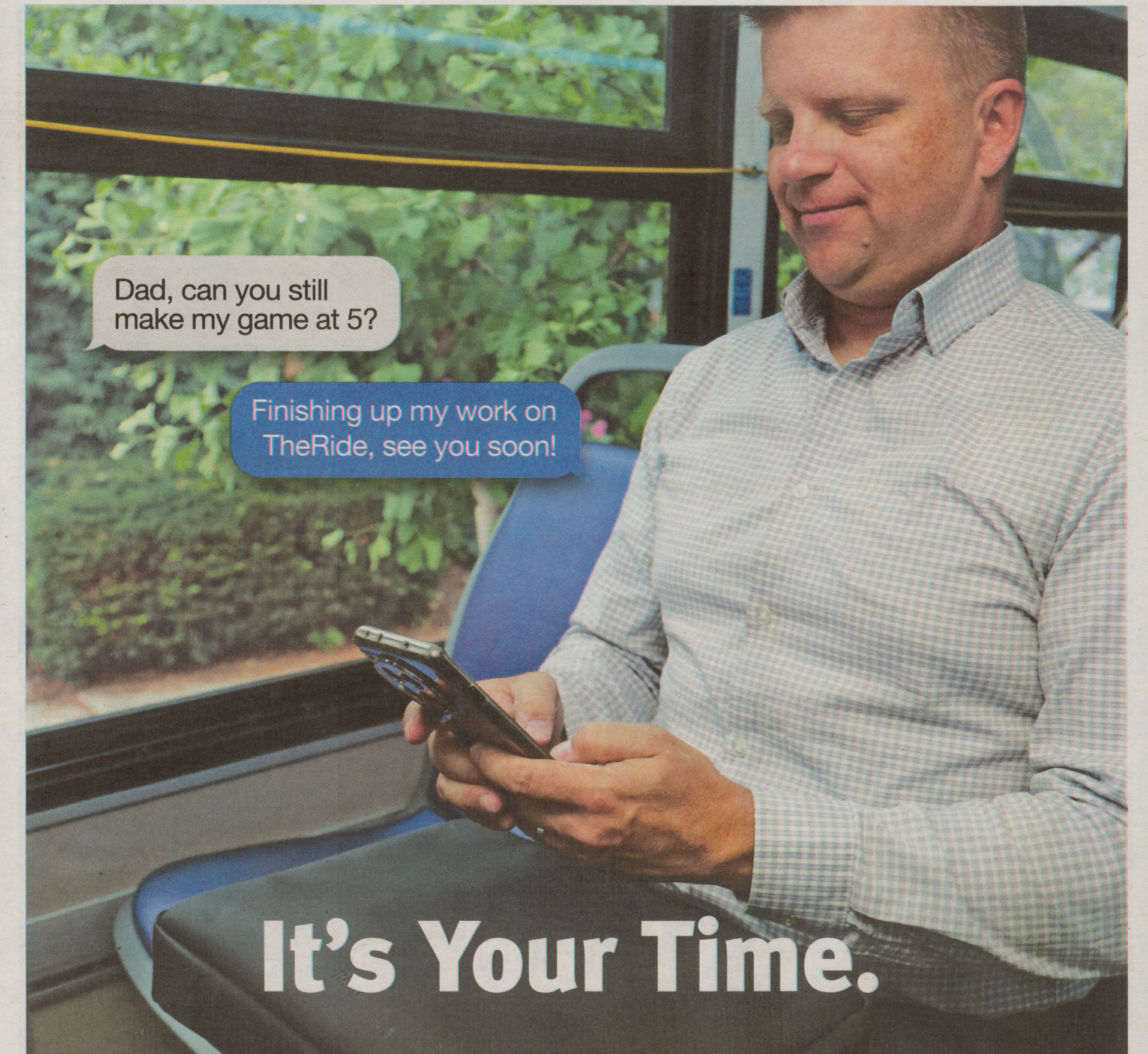
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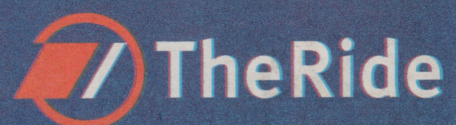
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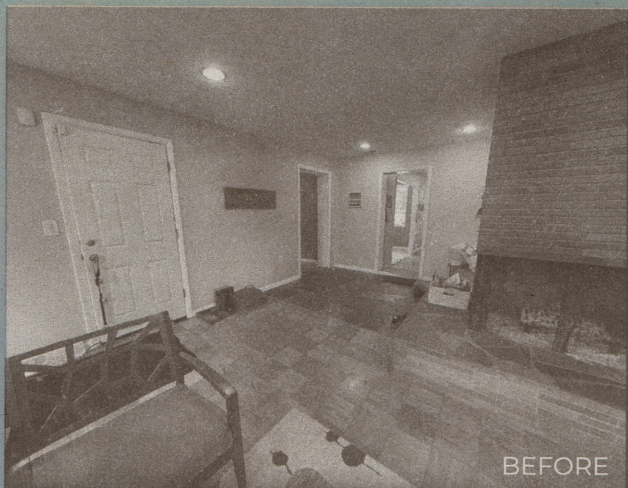
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That's a Christmas ham's-worth of muscle, gone by the time you're 40. And a family-sized Thanksgiving turkey of muscle that has vanished by your 60th birthday.

Muscle loss is inevitable, UNLESS you're doing something to prevent it. This is where strength training comes in.

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Squatting: working on your squat will make it easier for you to sit down on the toilet, get up off the couch, and take a knee to talk to your grandkids. Squatting works the muscles in your feet, shins, knees, thighs and hips, as well as requiring a strong core. Work on full depth squatting or lunging so you can keep your mobility and work dozens of muscles at the same time. Examples: bodyweight squats, lunges, side lunges, single leg squats.

Hinging: hinging primarily works your bum and back of your legs. Keeping strength in this area will make it easy to push the lawnmower, hike uphill, pick up boxes in the basement and climb stairs like a champ. Examples: deadlifts, glute bridges, hamstring curls.

Upper body pushing: using your upper body to push something away (or push yourself away from something) requires dozens of muscles in your arms and shoulders and also calls for a strong core. Ask anyone who has struggled to get their suitcase in the overhead compartment of a plane, upper body strength disappears fast



if you aren't working on it. Examples: push ups, overhead presses, medicine ball chest passes.

Upper body pulling: this is the most challenging movement to work on outside of a gym setting, and it's probably the one we need most to improve posture and back/shoulder health. Pulling works the muscles in the arms and back, will help you avoid shoulder pain, and may even make you look taller to your friends (because of your improved posture). Examples: rows, chin ups/chin up variations, vertical hang.

Core: a strong core is the foundation of creating strong movements. All strong movements go through a strong, stable core. If your core is weak, all other movements will be weak as well. Like they say, "you can't shoot a cannon from a canoe." Maintaining core strength means you'll have better spine health, less back pain, and the potential to improve strength across your entire body. Examples: planks, side planks, suitcase carries.

Check these 5 boxes with every workout and you'll be well on your way to keeping your muscle mass, maintaining your freedom, and being the happiest, healthiest, most active version of yourself.

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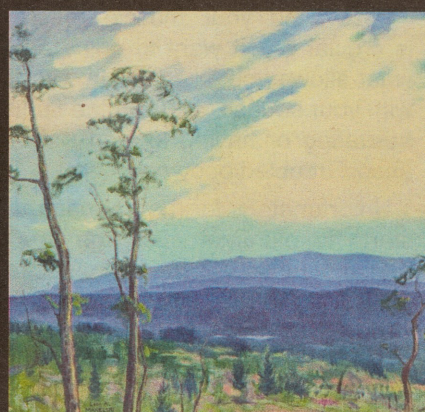
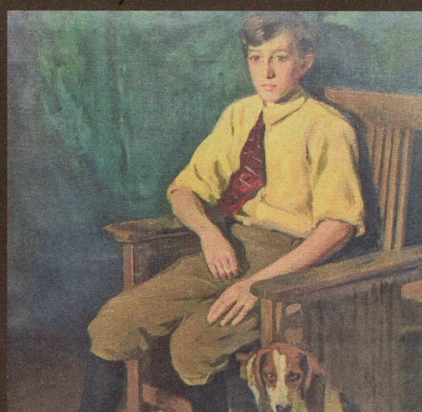


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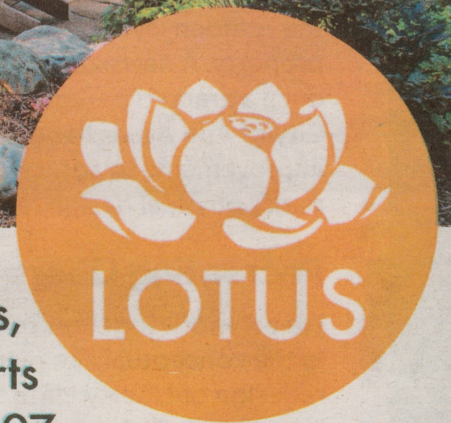
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Downtown parks are for everyone. Creating and maintaining inviting public open spaces at the city center brings people together.

Liberty Plaza, located in Ann Arbor's downtown core, was created in 1977 and has changed little since then. With the increase in downtown residents in recent years, Liberty Plaza becomes more important as an open space park.

Limitations of the original design

Liberty Plaza is about a quarter of an acre, with stairs and ramps that descend from street level to the "garden level" of the adjacent, privately-owned property. A newsstand/bookstore in that space once attracted parkgoers, but it is long gone. The City of Ann Arbor has made occasional minor improvements to spruce up Liberty Plaza, but the park's physical design remains problematic.

Recreating Liberty Plaza

We can work together to reimagine Liberty Plaza! In the conceptual site plans (right) a potential redesign of Liberty Plaza shows the plaza raised to street level. The open space is a green lawn with a water feature for warm weather, converting to an ice-skating rink during winter. This concept anticipates the adjacent First Martin building reorienting its street-level commercial use toward the recreated plaza.

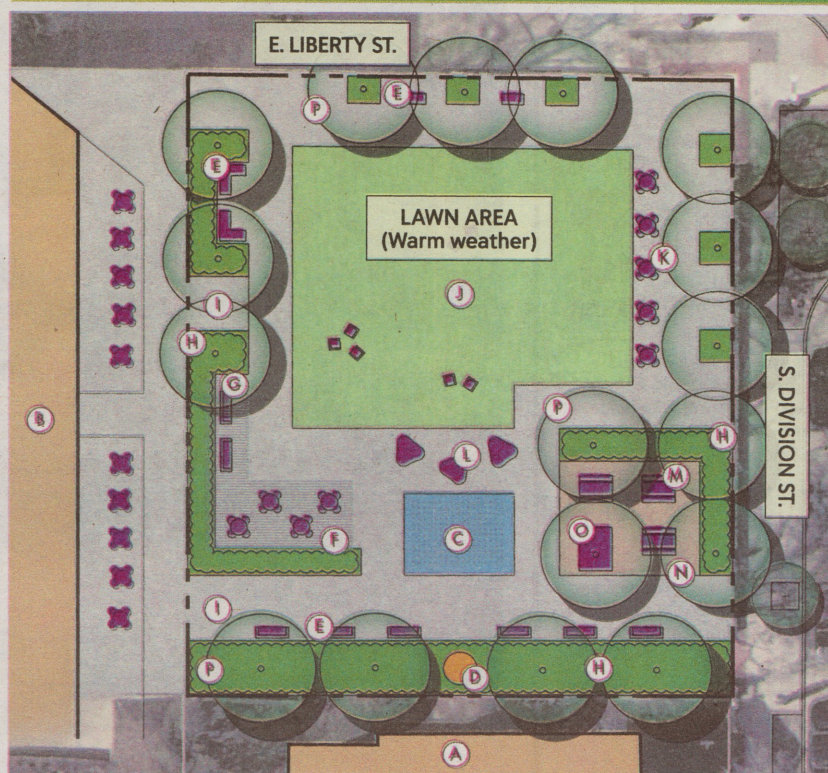
Potential sources of funding for Liberty Plaza's reinvention

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STATE GRANTS The City of Ann Arbor is eligible for millions of dollars in state funds earmarked for urban parks, including the MEDC's Michigan Talent Partnership grant program.

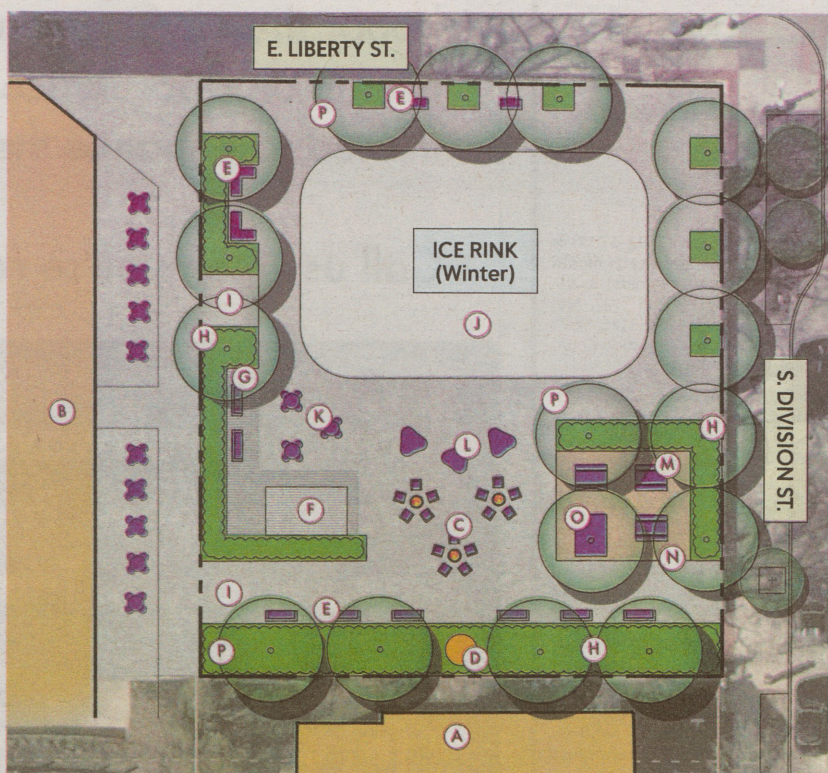
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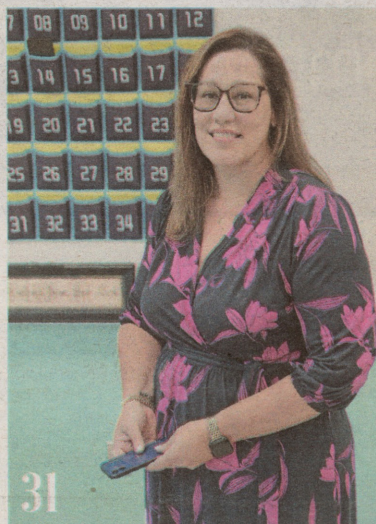
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Flag on the play: For months, a giant cleat has hung over Michigan Football, in the form of the NCAA's lengthy sign-stealing investigation.

In mid-August, it slammed to the ground, causing financial and reputational pain, but not completely knocking out the program.

The college sports governing body issued a 74-page report finding "overwhelming evidence" of an "impermissible scouting scheme" in the 2021, 2022, and 2023 seasons. Football staffer Connor Stalions flew associates around the country to video teams' sidelines, then deciphered the signals their coaches used to call plays.

Then-head coach Jim Harbaugh refused to cooperate with the investigation, his assistant-turned-successor Sherrone Moore deleted text messages from Stalions, and Stalions "disposed of his phone in a pond." Investigators nonetheless documented "56 instances of off-campus, in-person scouting of 13 future regular-season opponents," something expressly prohibited under NCAA rules.

U-M faces fines that could amount to \$35 million, according to *Yahoo Sports*. It's one of the largest financial penalties in NCAA history.

Moore was also given a three-game coaching ban. The U-M had already suspended him from this year's Central Michigan and Nebraska games. Now he's also banned from the 2026 opener with Western Michigan that the schools hope will be played in Germany (see Inside Ann Arbor, p. 13).

Harbaugh, now with the Los Angeles Chargers, was effectively given a 10-year ban from coaching in the NCAA. Stalions was given an eight-year ban, while staffer and former quarterback Denard Robinson was given a three-year ban.

Bad as all that was, it could have been worse: the NCAA did not vacate games played during those years, which included U-M's 2023 national championship season. Nor did it ban the school from future postseason games.

In a press release, the university said it appreciated the committee's work but planned to appeal, citing what it called "fundamental errors in interpreting NCAA by-laws" and "a number of conclusions that are directly contrary to the evidence—or lack of evidence—in the record."

Follow the oil: What happens to the cooking oil that deep-fries your favorite foods?

In the alleys behind Ann Arbor restaurants, workers dump the used oil into large metal containers. Most belong to three collection companies: Evergreen Grease, G.A. Wintzer & Son Co., and Buffalo Bio-diesel. They sign restaurants to lengthy contracts that create a near-territorial system.

Buffalo's clients include To-mukun Noodle Bar on Liberty and the Pretzel Bell on S. Main. The restaurants wouldn't comment, but according to Buffalo owner Sumit Majumdar, "we pay restaurants a rebate of twenty-five cents to a gallon, which means that if I don't collect your oil, process it, and sell it to collect my money, there's no money involved."

The collected oil—called "sludge"—goes into a digester to produce "methane gas that is then recycled either with the creation of renewable natural gas, or they just burn it off and run electrical generators and put power back on the grid," says

Majumdar. "The remaining, which is 70 percent of that product, we refine it down to 1 percent moisture, and then we ship it off to a refinery that will then convert, typically, into sustainable aviation fuel."

That's if all goes well. According to a worker at Ypsilanti's Encuentro Latino, the restaurant was hit with complaints from city officials last year when their oil wasn't picked up and the container overflowed. When they tried to terminate their contract, Buffalo fired back with a letter claiming that the restaurant had violated the contract by using a nearby container provided by another hauler. The letter threatened legal action, warning that Buffalo had won judgments "as high as \$27,641.81."

According to Observer contributor and Encuentro customer Sally Mitani, the other container was used by a different business. But Buffalo only backed off after the Ypsilanti city attorney got involved.

They weren't the only ones unhappy with the company: Reddit's r/ Buffalo subreddit was opened last year with the question, "Any-one work for Buffalo BioDiesel? I see them constantly pop up on indeed, their company reviews are so bad."

That led to a barrage of complaints, including one from a person who claimed to have answered "thousands of customer calls" while working for the company's answering service: "There were many restaurants they would not send a driver out to for six months," they wrote, "while city fines piled up for stacks of oil drums stuck in limbo."

Onward, robots: Since 2008, Liberty St. has been home to what may be Ann Arbor's ultimate "if you know, you know" secret: Liberty Street Robot Supply & Repair.

The quirky store selling robot-themed tchotchkes was just a facade for the youth literacy nonprofit 826michigan, one of nine branches in a nationwide network. "In the 826 world, the stores are meant to be fronts for what's happening behind the curtain," explains executive director Megan Shuchman. A writing lab featured, among other teaching tools, audio appearances by a fictional editor, the crotchety, reclusive Dr. Blotch. But on July 31, the shop closed and 826michigan moved to EMU's College of Education.

"A lot of people have said, 'Well, I'm sure it'll be nice to avoid the Ann Arbor rent,'" says Shuchman. "Not going to deny it, but really, it's a motivation about wanting to be in proximity to our students." In 2023, its 323 volunteers served 4,273 K-12 students at low-income Title I schools. Most are in Detroit and Ypsilanti.

"We wanted to reconcile and ask ourselves: Is Ann Arbor still the best space for our headquarters?" says Shuchman. "We wanted to make sure we were really staying true to that North Star of ours in terms of who those students that we are serving are, and where they live and go to school."

A scaled-down version of the store survives online at onwardrobots.com, and 826michigan will continue to partner with the Ann Arbor District Library to host writing and teen leadership labs, as well as drop-in writing programs at its five branches. And Shuchman says they've set an "audacious" goal: to reach 25,000 new writers across Southeast Michigan by 2030.

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Library Vote

After a heated race marked by legal disputes, lawn signs, and fervent online discourse, voters cleared the way for an expansive new downtown library.

The August 5 special-election ballot consisted solely of two city charter amendments: Proposal A authorized the city to sell the air rights above the underground Library Lane parking structure to the Ann Arbor District Library for \$1 for a “mixed-use development that includes additional library services, housing, retail and programmable open public space.” Proposal B repealed a 2018 amendment that had reserved the structure’s ground-level roof for “an urban park and civic-center commons.” Both got about 58 percent of the more than 23,000 votes cast.

The proposals were endorsed by mayor Christopher Taylor, all ten council members, the AADL board, and other local officials. They were opposed by backers of the 2018 amendment, who accused the mayor of stonewalling on the charter’s mandate to build the park, then using the library as a “political pawn” to reverse it.

On social media, the debate occasionally turned nasty. In July, Ward 4 councilmember Jen Eyer complained on Facebook that “between the anti-library campaign and the Pause the Plan movement (which share many of the same organizers), it is the summer of disinformation in Ann Arbor.” Pause the Plan is the slogan promulgated by opponents of a proposed comprehensive land-use plan that would encourage denser development.

Opponents accused the mayor of stonewalling on implementing a 2018 charter amendment that mandated a park there, then using the library as a “political pawn” to reverse the earlier vote.

In response, Judy Stone posted that she’s not “anti-library” just “against that particular vision and plan. That’s all.”

But other users piled on, with one likening Stone to “a Trump supporter or genocide denier.”

The proponents got off to a faster start and raised far more money (“Election Update,” July). In their pre-election filings, Supporters of the Downtown Library

reported collecting more than \$84,000, against just over \$15,000 for Vote No on Proposals A & B.

The No campaign, however, also benefited from \$59,000 spent by the Library

Green Conservancy, which promoted the 2018 vote and pressed the city unsuccessfully to create the park. After LGC voluntarily disclosed that, U-M researcher Andrew Robbins complained to the state that the nonprofit should have registered as a ballot committee and reported its donations.

Attorney Tom Wieder, who represents the LGC, responds by email that the group “can discuss issues raised in the campaign, factual history, and even discuss pros and cons of certain outcomes” without registering. “The sole prohibition is that it may not issue ‘communications containing express words of advocacy of election or defeat ...’ The LGC has been very careful to avoid violating that prohibition in its ads and mailed materials.”

Wieder counters that the Friends of the Ann Arbor District Library should have reported its own donations. The FAADL

donated about \$23,000 to the “Supporters” campaign, he writes, which “would almost certainly be considered explicit advocacy activity.”

The donations “were made in compliance with IRS regulations for section 501(c)(3) nonprofits under the 501(h) election,” respond presidents Marcia Major and Jacqueline Sasaki and treasurer Garrett Scott in a statement. “Because FAADL donated to the Supporters of the Downtown Library, a ballot question committee registered in Washtenaw County, the donations were made in compliance with the Michigan Campaign Finance Act.

“FAADL did not campaign directly for or against the ballot measures.”

Wieder also argues that the library itself may have violated a state law that prohibits public bodies from engaging in communications in the run-up to an elec-



MARK BIALEK

Mayor Christopher Taylor and AADL director Eli Neiburger at the long-contested “Library Lot.” After a hard-fought campaign, voters approved their audacious plans for a high-rise there with a new library at its base.

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tion "if that communication references a local ballot question."

"All of our actions were taken in consultation with legal counsel," responds AADL communications and marketing manager Rich Retyi by email, "and we're confident that the Library is in compliance with all applicable regulations."

Attorney Noah Hurwitz filed a lawsuit alleging that the ballot language was misleading and inaccurate, but withdrew it after the vote. "I hope the City has not perpetrated a fraud on the electorate," he texted on election night, "and that the Library does what it promised."

"We are grateful to Ann Arbor voters for trusting the AADL and its board to deliver on a bold plan for the Library Lot and a new downtown library," AADL board president Molly Kleinman emails. "I am thrilled that so many Ann Arborites are excited about our vision for a landmark building that will make room both for all the AADL's excellent programs, services, and collections, and for more of the people who want to live in this city."

"Ann Arbor has given itself a gift—the gift of an amazing new, state of the art library," Taylor wrote on Facebook. "Whether you voted YES or NO, we will all be able to enjoy a new, attractive place to library, gather, learn, and live."

The mayor took a sharper tone when asked about an LGC flier that came out just before the vote. It alleged that the library proposals were just "the first steps" in a plan to "sell our Neighborhood Parks & Park Land to develop Million Dollar Condos" in the upcoming Comprehensive Land Use Plan. City staff and elected officials have denied that's either the intent or the effect of the plan.

"The No Campaign's cynical effort to piggyback on the Pause the Plan 'they're gonna sell parks' disinformation campaign was a low point in Ann Arbor politics," Taylor emails.

"Proposal A was quite literally about selling parkland," Wieder insists. Although the city never listed the property as a park, he points to the 2018 amendment's reference to "an urban central park" on the site. "As for cynicism, Taylor and the Yes campaign are unmatched," he writes. "They exploited affection for the Library to eliminate the park designation voters previously approved."

For their part, the city and library are already looking ahead. "The next steps for the project are to finalize a transfer agreement, to be approved by City Council and the AADL Board of Trustees," emails director Eli Neiburger. "Then we will issue a Request for Proposals for Development partners with the goal of the Board of Trustees selecting partners and finalizing agreements by the end of 2026. Then we move on to design team selection, design development and a lot of public input."

"We'll also determine the location for a temporary downtown library to be used

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KEITH KNIGHT
Thursday, 11/13/25
5:30pm-7pm
Conversation

Keith Knight is a critically acclaimed comics creator and cartoonist. He has received the Comic-Con Inkpot, a CXC Master Cartoonist Award, several Glyph Awards for best comic strip, a Harvey Award and has been nominated for an Eisner, and an NAACP Image Award. Knight is the creator of the long-running autobio comic strip, the K Chronicles. One of the most widely distributed alt-weekly comic strips since its launch in the early nineties.



IMANI PERRY
Thursday, 2/5/26
5:30pm-7pm
Conversation

Born just nine years after the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama, MacArthur "Genius Grant" Fellow Imani Perry was instilled from an early age with a strong instinct for justice and progressive change. The rich interplay between history, race, law, and culture continues to inform her work as a critically-acclaimed author and professor of studies of women, gender and sexuality and of African and African American studies at Harvard University.



CATHERINE FLOWERS
Thursday, 4/9/26
5:30pm-7pm
Conversation

Catherine Coleman Flowers is an internationally recognized environmental activist, MacArthur "genius" grant recipient, and author. She has dedicated her life's work to advocating for environmental justice, primarily equal access to clean water and functional sanitation for communities across the United States. As the author of Waste: One Woman's Fight Against America's Dirty Secret, Flowers shares her inspiring story of advocacy, from childhood to environmental justice champion.

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during construction, likely to last 2–3 years. If everything goes smoothly, we'd be hoping to open the new library in 6–7 years; it's a big project!"

Football Rebound

Last year, Michigan football had nowhere to go but down.

After the Wolverines' national championship in 2023, Jim Harbaugh returned to the NFL and took much of his staff with him. The league's draft then selected thirteen Michigan players, including quarterback J.J. McCarthy and eight other starters on offense. Michigan did return three defensive All-Americans, but the weakened offense left a lot on the defense last season. Too much.

For most of the season, the pass game was a debacle: a rotation of QBs averaged 4.83 yards per pass (sack-adjusted), about as bad as it gets. The defense held up its end, but, with the offense stumbling, the Wolverines lost all their early road games (and Texas and Oregon at home) and was 6–5 coming into The Game in Columbus.

OSU had a quarterback, running backs, and wide receivers as good as anyone, and NFL types on both lines. No one thought Michigan stood a chance: the Buckeyes were favored by 19.5 points.

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But on that day, defensive coordinator Wink Martindale's tactics completely stymied the OSU run game and confused its quarterback. The game was tied 10–10 late in the fourth quarter, and Michigan had a 3rd and 6 on the Buckeye 44. Michigan—seemingly playing for overtime—handed the ball off to Kael Mullings, who was tackled in the backfield. Except he wasn't: he broke free, stumbled, and then ran the ball inside the Ohio State 20. Michigan couldn't gain more ground, but kicked a field goal, ran out the clock, and beat the eventual national champions, 13–10.

The win put the Wolverines in the year-end ReliaQuest Bowl against

Alabama, the last-team-out of the new twelve-team playoff. Michigan had beaten Bama in the Rose Bowl the previous January—but this time, most of the Wolverines' stars chose not to play.

In 2017, Michigan All-American tight end Jake Butt played in a bowl game against Flor-

ida State University that many advised him to sit out. He decided that his connection to his teammates and school was more important than the risk of injury, but the worst came to pass and he blew out his ACL. Butt went from a first- to a fifth-round pick, his pro career was truncated, and he lost millions of dollars.

This time, Michigan players decided not to take that risk. Alabama was intact

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RACHEL LEGGETT, COURTESY OF MGOBLOG

Megabucks freshman Bryce Underwood missed a couple of open receivers in Michigan's spring scrimmage, but he can really run the ball and may get the nod as the Wolverines' starting quarterback.

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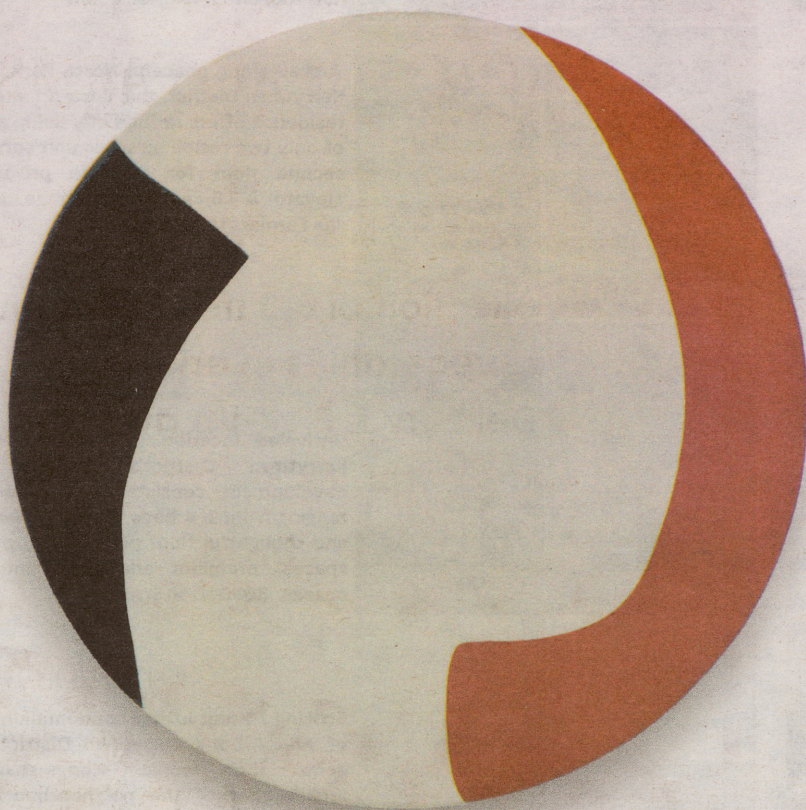
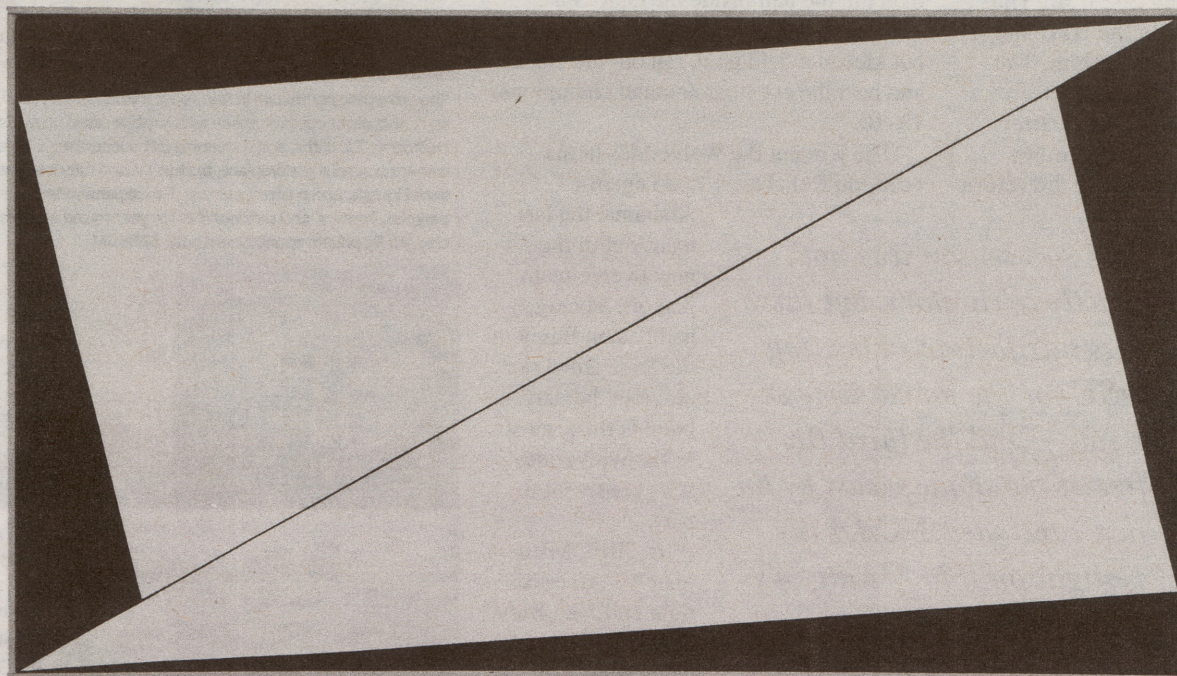


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and wanted revenge for its Rose Bowl loss. The line favored Bama by 16.5 points.

Lightning struck twice. Incredibly, the Crimson Tide couldn't do any more against Martindale's defense—now more or less the JVs—than had Ohio State. Michigan could barely run or pass, but neither could Alabama. In the first quarter, Michigan totaled just forty-three yards on offense but still managed to score sixteen points on Bama errors. The Wolverines gained only 190 yards in the entire game but still won, 19–13.

The 8–5 season was not exactly celebratory, but there was satisfaction in beating OSU for the fourth time in a row—and the third time free of the shadow cast by the just-concluded NCAA investigation into Michigan's sign-stealing scandal (see Up Front, p. 11).

This year's NFL draft took the biggest names from Michigan's defense. But with other players maturing and a couple added through the transfer portal, this year's defense could be almost as good as 2024's.

On offense, last year's best QB, Davis Warren, returns, and transfer Mikey Keene was a solid starter at Fresno State. But both were hurt and out of the spring scrimmage, and their current stage of development is just rumor.

Starting this year, teams may pay their athletes as much as \$22 million. Individual players may also negotiate their own deals with private businesses (often through university-connected co-ops) that are willing to pay to use their name, image, and likeness (NIL). Many players now have agents before they leave high school.

Belleville High's Bryce Underwood was one. The top-rated recruit in the country last year, he's big, can run, and has a good arm.

He is also smart. Though Belleville is just down I-94, so much money was flying around that few expected him to end up in Ann Arbor. But U-M grad Jolin Zhu and her husband, tech billionaire Larry Ellison (Oracle, owner of the Hawaiian island of Lanai), backed a rumored \$12 million NIL deal that kept Underwood local and U-M fans hopeful. The question now is whether Underwood is mature enough and can learn fast enough to run the Michigan offense in his first year.

In the spring scrimmage, he looked raw. Underwood can run and throw, with a remarkably powerful arm and good mechanics, but he missed a couple of open receivers, and the receivers dropped a couple more. With the offensive line over-matched, the receivers, save for reserve

tight end Jalen Hoffman, had trouble getting open. The top running backs sat out most of the scrimmage, and the reserves had only rare opportunities to show off.

Probably thirty-five of the last forty spring scrimmages have been disappointing for offenses, so that may not say much about the fall. Underwood, Keene, Warren, transfer Jake Garcia, and redshirt frosh Jadyn Davis all had sufficient opportunities in August to show that they can direct the show.

Offensive line play is synergy, and a spring game, where the line was split into pieces, is not the place to see what a team really has. Michigan has numerous guys who were highly regarded elsewhere, and they may have enough to create something that works.

Underwood can really run the ball, and nothing is more difficult to defend than a QB who keeps the defense honest with his legs. Seth Fisher and Brian Cook at MGoBlog are concerned that Michigan does not have sufficient quality in the wide-receiver position, but if the offensive line helps out with a run game and can give the QB winner (probably Underwood or maybe Keene) some time, they should be good enough.

Michigan will lose a game or two but should make the NCAA playoffs this year.

Band Tour

The Michigan Marching Band went to Europe this summer—and football wants to follow next year.

It took three airlines to ferry the 300 members of the Michigan Marching Band, their instruments, and staff members over to Europe, says band director John Pasquale. Then it took six buses and a semitruck to transport them once they arrived.

Over eighteen days, the band performed in Austria, France, and Germany, filling town squares and concert halls in seven cities. "We were a spectacle everywhere we went," Pasquale says.

As it turns out, the band might be going back to Germany—if Michigan Football gets its

wish. In July, the program announced that it wants to open its 2026 season against Western Michigan at Deutsche Bank Park in Frankfurt.

This would be the Wolverines' first game outside North America, but Big Ten rivals, including Michigan State, Wisconsin, and Penn State, have all competed offshore. The National Football League has been playing outside the U.S. since 1987, including two games at Deutsche Bank Park. The proposed game, which would replace the Western match

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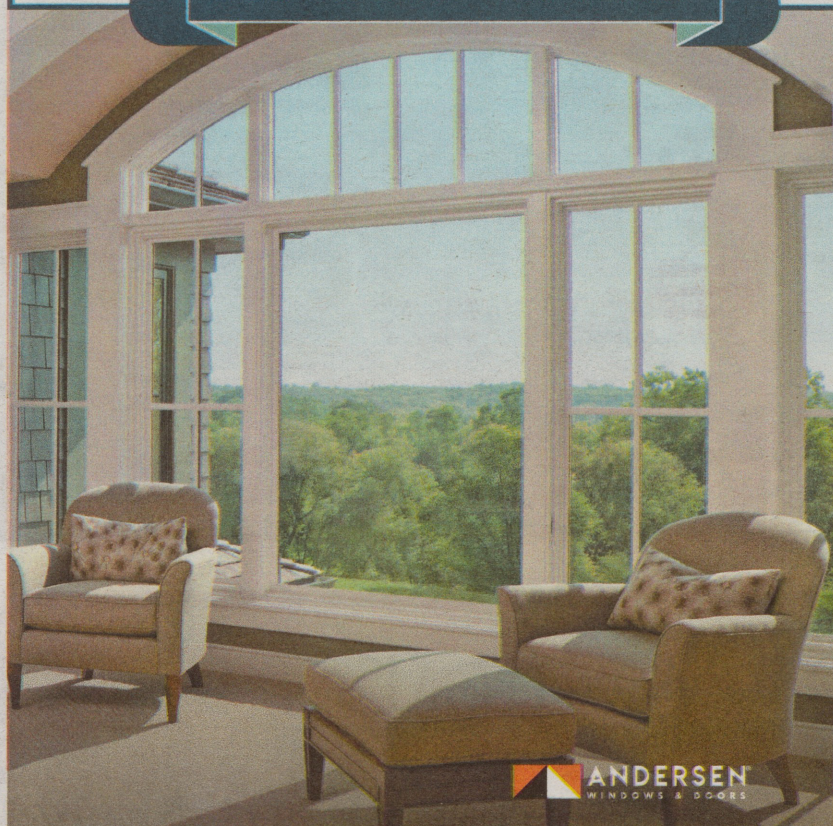
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MARK HADDLESE

At the Schlading Tattoo, the marching band performed alongside the Austrian Armed Forces band, the regional band from Stein an der Enns, and the marching band of Vielharmonie Kirchlintein.

currently scheduled for Sept. 5, 2026 at the Big House, comes as NCAA teams are embarking on a new era of paying athletes for name, image, and likeness (NIL). Michigan has pledged to provide for scholarships and direct payments, as well as linking with the Champions Circle to help athletes market their own NIL.

"We are always looking for unique opportunities to expose our student-athletes to other cultures. In the last 10 years, our program has been to Italy, France, and South Africa, and this game would provide another chance to grow our international fanbase," Sherrone Moore, U-M's football coach, said in a news release.

Michigan teams have gone abroad before, but only in the offseason. Funded by donors, those tourist visits cost as much as \$1.5 million. By contrast, the marching band's European tour was paid for by the members themselves, says Pasquale. That worked out to roughly \$5,500 per band member, supplemented by donors who paid for some meals and excursions. "That support was extremely, extremely appreciated," he says.

The band began planning the European tour in 2018, aiming for 2020 or 2021, but it was put on hold due to pandemic restrictions. Along with their personal fundraising efforts, members were allowed to pay in monthly installments of \$250 over the past two years. "We did everything we could to keep costs down," the director says.

This summer, the band performed two styles of concerts. One was a "military

tattoo," with the band marching and playing in an open space. Without the markers on a football field to guide them, the band had to orient themselves to the more open surroundings of a soccer surface and a paved town square.

The other type was a "stand still" concert, like Band-O-Rama at Hill Auditorium—though the band marched through the streets of Ettenheim, Germany, on its

way to a concert there. Commemorative merchandise was for sale (and is still available on the band's website).

Each performance had three elements: excerpts from popular halftime shows (think "Caravan" by Duke Ellington and "Conga" by Gloria Estefan;

campus music, such as "The Victors" and "Temptation"; and local melodies, like the German folk song "Böhmischer Traum" ("Bohemian Dream").

Marching band members were divided between flights on American, Lufthansa, and Delta, since the airlines couldn't handle more than about 100 passengers each during peak summer travel season.

Large instruments, like tubas and drums, were flown direct to Munich. "We couldn't risk having them lost on connecting flights," Pasquale said.

About twenty band members who speak German helped staff and fellow students navigate language barriers. Now that he's shepherded 300 students to Europe, "I can relax a bit," Pasquale says, laughing.

If he were to repeat the experience, he would try to schedule a trip immediately after the school year ends and cut back on

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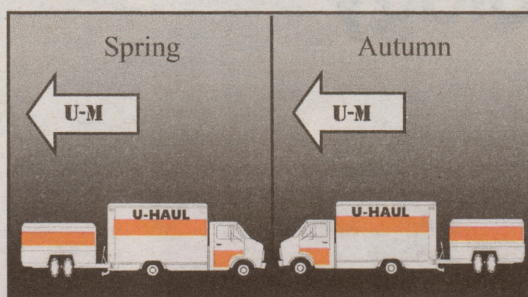
the amount of new music the band learned for the trip. He'd also try to enjoy himself more.

Closer to home, the marching band will perform at a Detroit Lions game in October. And Pasquale has his fingers crossed that the band can return to Germany with the Wolverines.

Meanwhile, the band has been learning the music of another European act—ABBA—for its first 2025 home game on Aug. 30 against New Mexico.

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Tim Athan



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question corner

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Corbin is doing much better

To the Editor:

A clarification to a detail in the article about Medicaid cuts (Inside Ann Arbor, August): Thanks to a village of amazing people at school and behavior therapy, and a team of great caregivers at home, my son Corbin is much more gentle now, and thriving.

I do hope Medicaid and other programs will still be there when he needs them in the future.

Sincerely,
Valerie Mates

A house's history

To the Observer:

I meant to contact you earlier, but never got around to it. I wanted to let you know that the front cover of the July 2025 issue is a painting of my grandmother's house.

She was a Rehberg and was born in 1892. The Rehbergs owned the Northern Brewery on Jones Dr. which was right behind this house and is an office complex now and the Ann Arbor Foundry prior to that.

The Rehbergs later owned the Artificial Ice Co. and the Arbor Springs Water Co. My grandfather was a Hauser and they were partners in the brewery and

lived down and across the street from the Rehbergs next to Traver Creek.

Thanks for printing the picture.

Regards,
Dan Kempfe

July's cover artist, Laura Strowe, has her own history with the house: she and her husband have owned it since 1979. "When we first bought the house, I did research about it, and knew about the Rehbergs," she emails. "I even met a woman who was, if I remember correctly, a niece. She lived in Pleasant Lake (I think she introduced herself to me at an Art Fair!) and I went over there and she showed me old photos of the house and family."

The Dairy's corner

To the Observer:

Just finished reading the My Town article by Mike Sinelli ["A Boy on a Schwinn," August]. As a 92 year old resident of Ann Arbor—Washtenaw Dairy is on the corner of Madison and Ashley—not First Street. I'm sure many will notice this error.

Sincerely,
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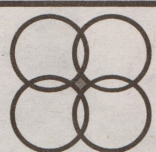
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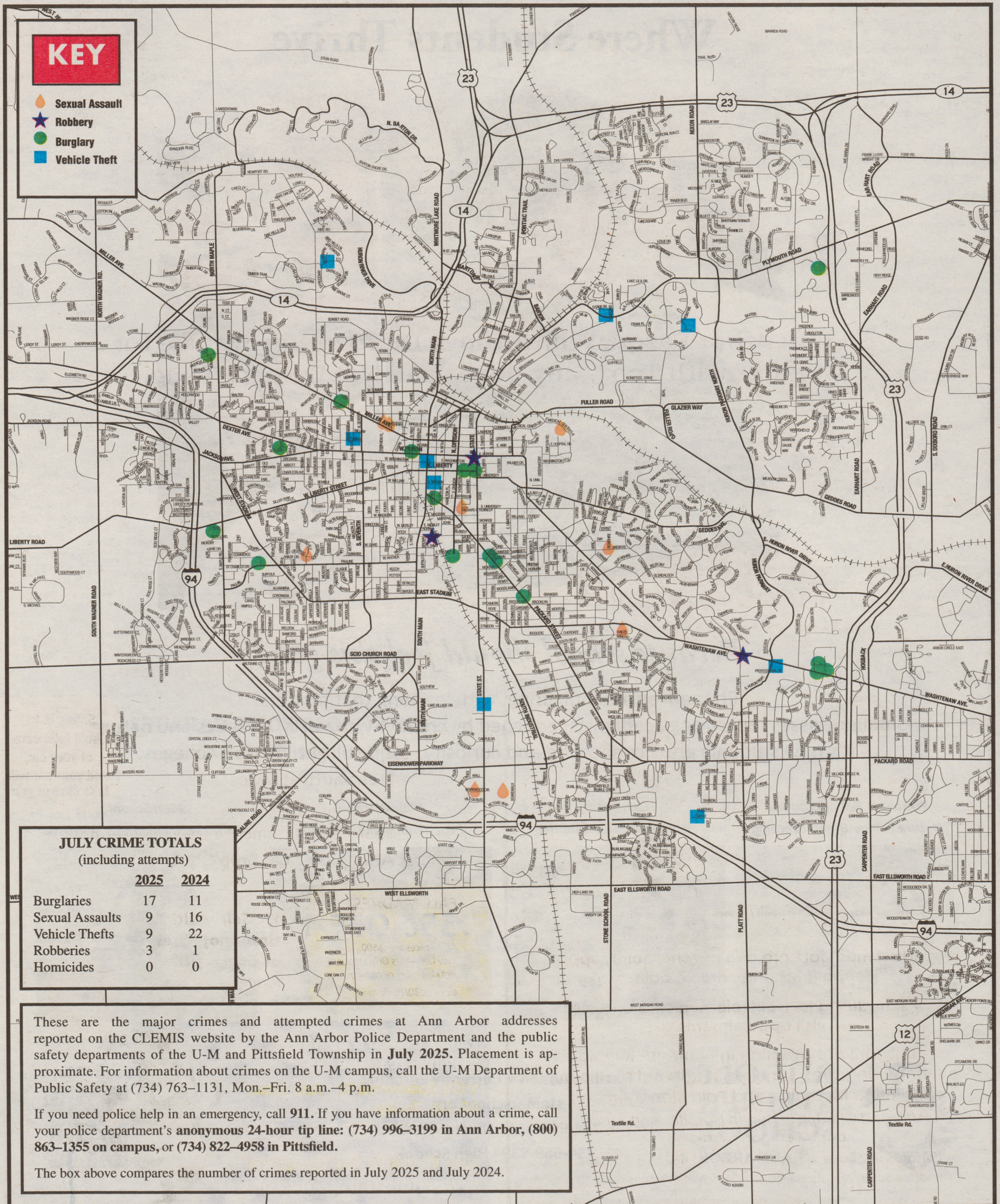
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Julie Kobylarz

Her “mousetales” have six million online followers.

At the end of the Ann Arbor Art Fair, wildlife artist and photographer Marie Rust and woodworker Lisa Ramlow from Bear Track Studios were packing up. When they opened a print bin, a mama deer mouse leaped out into the bushes, leaving behind her four babies. She'd apparently ridden all the way from Rust and Ramlow's studio up north, giving birth en route.

Fortunately, Rust has an Ann Arbor friend, Sally Fekety, who rehabs possums. (The two once worked together at the Humane Society of Huron Valley.) She called Fekety, who arrived with a critter cage and patiently waited for the mama to come back to her babies.

Fekety then called Kari Aspenleiter at Serenity's Place, a wildlife rehab center in Brighton. Aspenleiter told her to call Julie Kobylarz. Kobylarz (ko-BUH-larz) rescues, rehabs, and returns to the wild injured or vulnerable mice, voles, chipmunks, shrews, and baby squirrels.

And that's how the mouse family arrived at the Ann Arbor home Kobylarz shares with her partner, Bryan, and their three children.

Kobylarz, thirty-six, has loved rodents since childhood. Chipmunks ate from her hand at her family's cabin up north in Gaylord. At home in Westland, her parents gave her gerbils as a gift. In college at Central Michigan she bought “feeder mice,” which pet stores sell as food for reptiles, to keep as pets. She first came to Ann Arbor for treatment at Dawn Farm, and is celebrating ten years of recovery this year.

Kobylarz posts her “mousetales”—pictures, videos, and stories about mice—on social media. In 2021, one shared a lesson learned from an early ASrescue in her own home. “Our landlord had good inten-



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tions, but didn't do much about our mouse problem,” she explains. “I just couldn't stomach the kill traps at our disposal.”

So she tried a suggestion she found online: put a tiny bit of oil and peanut butter in a bowl. As promised, the mice climbed in and couldn't get out—but the sticky mixture clung to their feet and fur. Kobylarz' video of herself giving a mouse a bath garnered more than fifty million views on TikTok.

She later found an injured squirrel and contacted Jolene Matousek of the Felix Foundation, a fox sanctuary in Howell, for advice. Matousek invited Kobylarz to work with her and gave her further training.

Tall, with nearly waist-length brown hair, Kobylarz looks like a wildlife deity among the untamed gardens in her backyard. Her calm, purposeful manner helps her assess and treat multiple rescues with support from Bryan and their children.

“The kids love it!” she says. “They help me clean cages. It's taught them a level of compassion I admire. Bryan helps me with whatever I need.”

Donations and ad revenue from her social-media sites help support her work. With more than six million followers on various platforms, Google defines her as an internet personality.

Mona Lisa, named in homage to her Art Fair origins, gave birth to another litter shortly after her arrival. “They can get pregnant immediately after giving birth and give birth twenty-eight days later,” Kobylarz explains. Mona and her babies currently occupy a comfortable tank with a screen on top, absorbent paper-based bedding, water, and food.

“I spoil my nursing and pregnant moms,” she smiles. “They get fresh fruit and vegetables every day.”

With colder weather, mice seek shelter in buildings, alarming their human occupants and sometimes causing damage.

Kobylarz' advice: “When mice come into your house, don't take it personally; they're just doing what mice do. They're not being malicious; they are an integral part of the ecosystem, doing what mice do to survive.”

She advocates “rodent roommate” prevention by sealing entry points and using deterrents like mint sprays or coyote urine. If that fails, she recommends using a live trap, or, for those unwilling, a quick-kill electric “zap trap.”

“Glue and poison are the worst,” she says. “Glue leaves them stuck for days, in pain and starving. ... Poison brings a long, horrible death between three days to two weeks.”

If people don't care, “I remind them that mice are not leaving their house and dying. They're going into your walls, where they're going to rot. And, if by chance they do leave the house, they're going to get picked up by a hawk or another predator that our ecosystem needs and kill them.”

“There are a lot of creative pest control solutions that people don't know about, like natural mouse birth control. It doesn't bring any harm. It only stops the mice from reproducing. I like this solution for big infestations.”

Tanya Hilgendorf, CEO of the Humane Society of Huron Valley, emails that her organization received more

than 6,000 requests to rescue sick and injured animals last year. “A piece of the puzzle that's absolutely critical to saving lives and preventing suffering is wildlife rehabbers. Rehabbers like Julie are true heroes. Sadly, there aren't many and they are declining.”

Elena Wakeman of Ann Arbor-based Friends of Wildlife says she had to put its work on hold because there aren't enough rehabbers with the necessary DNR permits in the county. (Kobylarz is a “sub-permittee,” working under Matousek's supervision.)

The DNR has a list of licensed rehabbers online, but Kobylarz, who is unlicensed, is glad not to be on it. She's afraid she'd be overwhelmed with the onslaught of wildlife, especially babies, in May through September.

The Huron Valley and Livingston County humane societies bring Kobylarz the injured and at-risk wildlife that she specializes in. Locals on Facebook and Nextdoor also sometimes recognize her as a rescuer of little critters. When she can't help, she recommends other rehabbers she knows from an informal network.

Kobylarz never adopts her rescues—it's not good for them, and it's against the law. She either releases them where they came from, or takes them a mile into the woods. She equips them with enough food and shelter to acclimate to their new surroundings, and brings babies with their mamas.

Not everyone appreciates her work. Kobylarz says her “skin has gotten so thick” from internet trolls.

“If I'm weird to somebody, so be it,” she says. “I think my message is sound: having compassion for other living beings who feel pain as much as you and I do. Reducing suffering, whatever it may be, is a worthwhile cause.”

And sometimes, her social media posts get through to the haters. “They're intrigued, so they stay and watch,” she says. “It's way different to see the face of a mouse rather than a shadow racing across your kitchen counter.”

—Anita LeBlanc

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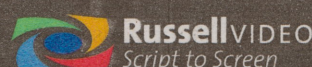
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"We Should Be Playing Golf!"

An outing to Dundee with a venerable foursome.

For many people, golf is a true passion. It is something they do whenever the weather is nice, and the passion never seems to wane. A golfer who at forty was bombing 290-yard drives from the blue tees may be pounding 170-yard drives from the red tees at eighty, with no change in focus or exuberance. In fact, the eighty-year-olds are probably playing a lot more golf than they did at forty.

One of my favorite pieces of golf memorabilia is a blue button that I occasionally wear on my golf shirt that says "Golf Is My Life." For thirty years, four of us orchestrated a small golf tournament for twenty-four players. We picked sites around the country and played thirty-six holes a day for three straight days.

One of the participants, Forrest, struck up a conversation with a gentleman sitting next to him on an airplane. Turns out the fellow passenger was also a golfer, so the conversation naturally gravitated to golf.

Forrest commented that his traveling companion was really into the game. The man responded immediately, with great sincerity: "Golf is my life!"

Forrest made buttons for all twenty-four of us.

For many years, when I go back to my roots in Ann Arbor, I have been invited to play with a great group of golf enthusiasts. If the weather is good, they are trying to make it to the golf course.

This foursome played in a formal league for years, every Tuesday night all summer. They formed another Saturday league that teed off just before or after sunrise. In addition, they had a recurring holiday tournament that consisted of thirty-six holes on every legal holiday during the warm-weather months.

Every game includes an elaborate betting scheme. In fact, one of my Michigan friends says that he really doesn't like to play golf, but he can't resist the small-stakes gambling.

Only one or two people actually know how to administer the bets. Money goes to the low gross scores, the low net scores, the fewest putts, the most greens hit. We may play bingle-bangle-bungle, Wolf, Vegas, Nassau, greenies, sandies, closest to the pin, and skins. Everyone lingers around the nineteenth hole while the bets are tallied. You can order a beer, another beer, a cheeseburger, and another beer while the tabulation is in progress. Finally, the settlement and distribution is completed. If you have a really bad day, you could lose \$75.



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The venerable foursome: Tim Willibey, Gary Roche, Dennis Dyer, and Dick Conlin. With advancing age some find it hard to walk far or climb hills, so they now play on a totally flat course in Dundee.

The Ann Arbor guys developed a facet of betting that I have not seen anywhere else: if you play with them regularly, you can buy insurance that will significantly lessen the impact of a bad day on the course. You put up \$20 or \$30 at the beginning of the season, and, if you have a bad day, insurance may pay for half your losses.

Now many of these golfers are seventy-five to eighty-five years old, and the natural aging process has really diminished their ability to play the game. One has pulmonary and heart conditions that prevent him from climbing even small hills. The second has diminished cardio capacity and can't walk much more than twenty-five yards at a time. The third has Parkinson's disease, and the fourth has progressive macular degeneration.

There are a lot of joint challenges—hips, knees, shoulders, and backs. All of us over seventy-five are having some form of cognitive issues.

The foursome withdrew from league play when they could no longer keep the pace, but the fire is still there. They are finding a way to get to the course for nine holes at least once a week.

Geologically, Ann Arbor is an interesting place. There are a lot of hills, so most of the golf courses here are on pretty, rolling terrain. So the foursome drives thirty miles south to Dundee, where they found a course that is totally flat. No hill challenges for the cardio impaired.

Two of the four can no longer drive a car. Another is an Uber driver, and the fourth can drive but is suffering macular degeneration. To verify the cognitive impairment, the selected driver is Gary, the one experiencing macular degeneration—not Dennis, who is the Uber driver.

On a recent Thursday Dundee outing, several challenges arose. A couple of guys

lost clubs. They arrived at the third tee and found that they only had three players, because Dick drove off in the cart after playing the second hole, leaving one of the cardio-impaired players on the green; he had to go back to retrieve the walking-challenged competitor.

All in all, it was still a great day of golf. But when he got home, Dennis noticed that he no longer had his wallet.

He called Gary and asked him to check his car, thinking it was probably in the back seat someplace. While Gary was running through the car, Dennis rechecked his golf bag and found the wallet in one of the eight zipper pockets.

Gary returned to the phone and said: "I couldn't find your wallet. I don't think you lost it in the car. I did find Dick's wallet, however. I'll drop it off at his place."

These guys are still at it, perfect proof that golf is an undying passion. As with all golfers, if the weather is great, this venerable foursome is thinking: "We should be playing golf!"

For more of Mike Sinelli's writings, reminiscences, and ridiculousness, visit sinellimakesyoulaugh.com.

—Mike Sinelli

Talk About Inflation!

A family's history orbits a house by the stadium.

My mother, Geraldine Merz, was raised on a farm on Pleasant Lake Rd. Her family consisted of her parents, Louis and Lena (Bethke) Merz, and two younger brothers, Irv and Rolly.



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Grandpa Louis was born in a rural community near Manchester in 1885. He had to quit school in the third grade to work on his dad's farm, and as he got older, he did more of the work. Eventually he was the main worker on the farm, paid with a third of the profits.

He saved enough money that by 1913 he was able to purchase his own 100-acre farm on Pleasant Lake Rd. He needed someone to run the farmhouse, so he advertised in a rural weekly newspaper for a housekeeper.

This is where Lena enters the picture. Her parents emigrated to America and eventually Ann Arbor in 1882. Her dad came over first and worked for the City of Ann Arbor with his team of horses and wagon, hauling gravel. Her mother followed with their four small children; the trip from what's now the Polish city of Poznań to Boston took a month. She spoke not a word of English, and the youngest child was only ten months old. What a brave woman, back almost 145 years ago.

Lena was born in 1885 in their home at 909 Greene St., a block east of the present Michigan Stadium. In 1913, she answered the ad Louis had placed in the rural weekly paper.

Within months, they were married, and they lived off the farm. They raised enough potatoes to last through the winter, stored in the dirt Michigan basement of the farmhouse. The apples from their trees kept all winter there too, along with Grampa's barrel of hard cider.

They had grape vines to make jelly and another barrel of wine. They had chickens for eggs, and every Sunday there was a huge pot of chicken cooking on the wood stove in the kitchen. They raised cows for milk and beef that Gramma would can for the winter. They also had pigs for pork and cured hams in a smokehouse. A crock of pickles always sat on the back porch.

Gramma baked every day—bread, pies, and cookies. The only foods they bought were coffee, sugar, and flour. They drove into Manchester on Saturday nights to shop and watch movies shown on the bridge across the Raisin River.

There was no indoor plumbing, and water came from the well out by the road. It was always very cold, but the cookstove in the kitchen had a hot-water tank at one end (it also provided heat in the winter). They

kept a pail of water on the back porch with a ladle in it. Everyone drank from that same ladle for many, many years, and, as far as they knew, no one ever got sick from sharing it.

Their children went to the Dresselhouse School, a mile west of the farm. They walked to and from school every day. My mother was one of three students in her class.

Times were tough on the farm in those years, and the Dresselhouse School only went to eighth grade. So, in the summer of 1927, it was decided that the family would move to the Greene St. home, where Lena was born. That way, my mother could go to Tappan Junior High School for ninth grade and then the following year to Ann Arbor High School. Irvin and Rolly would go to Perry Elementary School on Packard.

They rented out the farmhouse to several workers who were building Pleasant Lake Rd. and Grampa found work at the Economy Baler Company on N. Main St. And it just so happened that 1927 was the year that Michigan Stadium opened right down the street. So my mother and her

two brothers decided to park cars for the football games.

An old photo shows my mother, Geraldine, in the middle, at age fifteen, and Irvin, age thirteen, on the left and Rolly, age eleven, on the right. The cost to park that close to the stadium was a whopping 25 cents.

So let's fast forward to the year 2024. As I am driving my children to a game at the stadium, we pass a sign for Ann Arbor Golf & Outing: park your car for \$80. Yes, eighty dollars, and their lot is filled every game. Talk about inflation!

To round out this saga, there was a young man who lived directly across the street from the Bethke family at 904 Greene St. His name: Stephen Asa Douglas Barnett. He and Geraldine were married two months after she graduated from Ann Arbor High in 1930 and had a happy life together that lasted more than seventy years. My full name is Stephen Douglass Barnett.

I was born in the family home at 909 Greene St. on April 10, 1933. I'm five years younger than Metzger's restaurant, one year older than the Washtenaw Dairy, and I've lived all my life in Ann Arbor.

—Doug Barnett



Fifteen-year-old Geraldine Merz and her brothers, Irvin and Rolly, promoting football parking in the fall of 1927. It cost a whopping 25 cents.

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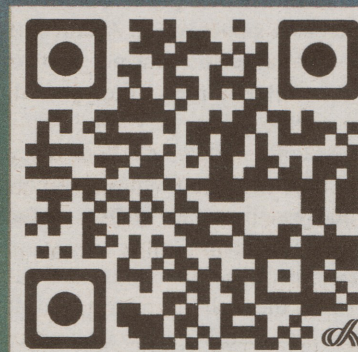
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SCREENS

VS. SCHOOL

Parents and teachers agree that cell phones are a distraction in the classroom, but Lansing punted on the problem. 🐼

Could a hanging shoe organizer be the answer? 🤔



Skyline principal Casey Elmore says teachers are "seeing a much improved classroom environment" since the school started using cell phone caddies.

Pioneer High at 3:01 p.m. has the feel of a busy commuter airport. Students pour out of classrooms shouldering backpacks, swinging musical instrument cases, laughing and chatting. Many are holding cell phones.

Those phones are a point of contention at all levels of the education system: from individual classrooms to the school district, and all the way up to the Michigan legislature.

Locally, parents and teachers support limitations on cell phone use in school. In an informal Observer poll on the Ann Arbor Mamas Network Facebook page, 89 percent of the 389 respondents voted in favor of some form of restriction.

Lansing won't be helping anytime soon. Governor Gretchen Whitmer called on legislators to restrict cell phone use in the classroom in February, and bills were introduced in both the House and the Senate. But the House bill was voted down in July, and with the legislature paralyzed by partisan conflict, a law seems unlikely in this school year.

But also in July, the Chelsea school district announced that it will prohibit cell phones during class time. And last year, both Skyline and Huron high schools piloted similar bans.

Most teachers at Pioneer High also instituted their own restrictions; Sarah Roldán-Dodson is one of them.

In May, Roldán-Dodson led me through the chaos of Pioneer at last bell and into the soothing silence of her AP U.S. History classroom. Lively, student-created posters papered the walls, the desks were clustered together in pods of four, and a cell phone caddy hung beside the door.

Roldán-Dodson has been teaching in Ann Arbor for sixteen years, nine at Huron and the last seven at Pioneer; she'll be teaching at Community starting this fall. The caddy—a hanging closet shoe organizer with polka-dotted plastic pockets labeled numerically and brightened by colorful decorative tape—has been a mainstay in her classroom since at least 2018.

"At a point years ago, many of us recognized that we were spending too much instruction time asking students to put their phones away," she says.

In those days, she recalls, when a teacher spotted a phone, they'd take it from the student and bring it to the front office, where the parent would have to pick it up. The caddy is easier: students put their phones in their assigned pocket when they enter the room and pick them up on their way out. They have access to their devices if needed, but aren't tempted to look at them.

And the temptation is powerful. According to a 2024 report from the American Psychological Association, young people's brains are both hypersensitive to social feedback and less capable of im-

pulse control. In other words, they're really susceptible to the pull of "scroll hole."

"It's *such* a distraction," says Skyline principal Casey Elmore. Before last year's pilot ban, phone use "had been preventing in-class conversations, social dialog and interactions, collaborative work, because they're so attached to it."

So during the 2023–24 school year, her administration began researching what was working at other schools and surveying the Skyline community.

A handful of students said they were sick of the distraction, but most opposed a classroom ban. Staff and parents/guardians, on the other hand, were "overwhelmingly" in support of restrictions, Elmore says, though a few expressed concerns about being able to contact their children, and emergency situations. Skyline ended up implementing a schoolwide system of cell phone caddies.

"Teachers reported that it's made significant differences in what the classroom looks like and feels like, the talk that's happening, the attention that's there, the work products that they're getting," Elmore says. "They're seeing a much improved classroom environment with cell phones not being there as much."

But even schoolwide policies aren't a silver bullet—just ask Theo Walters (not his real name), a recent U-M School of Education grad who taught freshman-level world and U.S. history at Pioneer last year. When he tried to enforce phone restrictions in his class, some students pushed back.

"I fight with the students a lot about the phone," he admits. "I'm still learning how to deal with it properly, and I feel like it's a larger problem [with] teacher education, where they teach you how to teach stuff, but not how to manage the students."

"Yeah, 'How do I take a phone?'" pipes in Roldán-Dodson. "It would be great if ed schools talked about the reality that phones have brought to our lives."

Walters found it harder than Roldán-Dodson to set limits in his classroom.

"If I try to force the issue, I will be starting a power struggle with students in front of their peers, which is really damaging to our relationship," he explains. "The issue is also too insignificant to warrant a disciplinary referral to a school administrator. And if I were to contact their parents, parents might not always have the same response."

Both Elmore and Roldán-Dodson say that parents have been supportive of the cell phone caddies. Do many students resist?

"Of course!" laughs Elmore. "They are not in love with it. However, many of them—not all of them, but many of them—after experiencing class without it, have been appreciative of it."

And some, like Pioneer junior Elisa Vidal-Parker, see it both ways. Vidal-Parker is bright and articulate, a contributor to the *Pioneer Optimist*, and was a student of Roldán-Dodson's last year.

"Her class was set up in a way that it's mostly interactive—you're talking to each other, you're taking notes on her teaching," she says. "So there wasn't really a need for phones, and they, in that situation, were a distraction."

But in other classes, she appreciates phones as a teaching and learning tool: educational games and the language-learning app Duolingo in particular.

"Music helps people work as well. It helps them focus," she says. "I play solitaire while listening to lectures, and it helps me not, like, go crazy, getting bored out of my mind."

For some students, phones are an integral part of the learning process. Cynthia Gabriel is a U-M women's and gender studies lecturer and mother of three; her youngest son is a Community rising sophomore with an individualized education program (IEP). His cell phone, Gabriel says, is "a lifeline for academic and emotional support, and for just understanding the social world."

His biggest challenge is understanding speech. But with a cell phone, he can snap a picture of whatever's written on the board, then take the time he needs to absorb what it says. If he can't ask a teacher for clarification, he can text his mother for help.

Roldán-Dodson allows, grudgingly, that phones may have uses in the classroom—in "very narrow" circumstances: Accessibility for students with special needs. Recording a lecture. The review game Kahoot!, where students use phones to vote on quiz questions. If a student forgets their computer and needs to do something online.

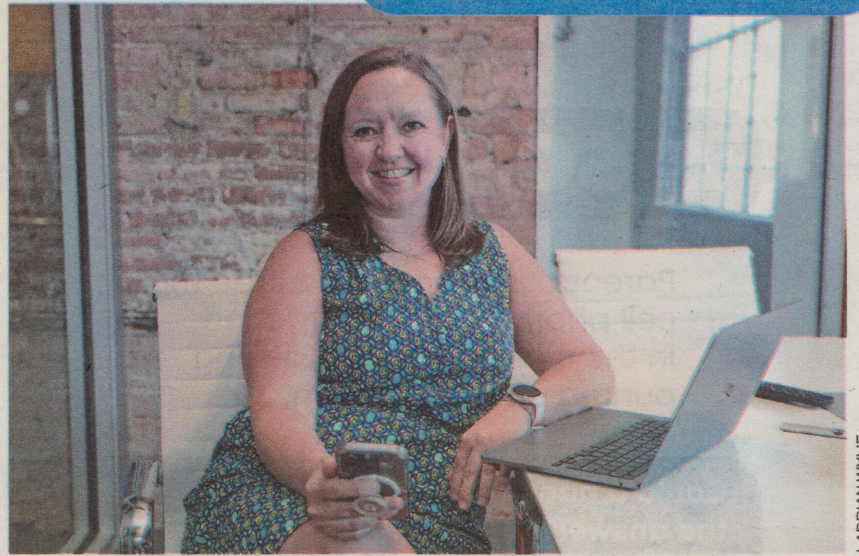
"But beyond that, I don't see a need for them really at all," she says, and adds with a laugh, "I'm very anti-phone."

Kaleigh Cornelison is not. A trainer, facilitator, and social worker with fifteen years of experience teaching about teen social media use (including five as the assistant director of Michigan Medicine's Adolescent Health Initiative followed by eight years in private practice), she takes a realistic approach to teens and tech: they're going to

Cynthia Gabriel's son is a rising sophomore at Community with an individualized education program. He uses his cell phone as a learning aid.



SCREENS VS. SCHOOL



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Social worker Kaleigh Cornelison says phones can be a "lifeline" for teens from marginalized identities—particularly during passing time.

use it, so how can adults help them use it responsibly? That said, she's in favor of limiting use during class.

"I think we're gonna be hard-pressed to say that's always a good thing—or maybe *ever* a good thing," she muses. But then one instance occurs to her. "We live in a country where we can't guarantee safety for young people in schools," she continues sadly. "We want them to have access to emergency services, family, and friends if the worst thing happens."

That reality isn't lost on Vidal-Parker.

"Having your phone with you can help bring a sense of safety, especially in the world we live in right now," she says. "If, God forbid, something horrible happens ... we can contact our parents, we can contact the people we love."

As for the day-to-day, Vidal-Parker says her phone is useful for directions, letting her parents know when there's a change of plans, and general communication.

"I spilled something on my shirt, and I was able to text my friend and be like,

'Hey, do you have an extra shirt that I could borrow?'" she recalls. "And she came to the bathroom, and she gave me the extra shirt."

Cornelison also sees phones as useful during passing time, particularly for teens with marginalized identities—she lists members of the LGBTQ+ community, those with disabilities, and those who just have a hard time making friends. For them, she says, the phone can be a "lifeline to a parent, a friend who doesn't go to school with them, something that can self-soothe, something that helps them stay grounded if they're having a panic attack."

And for Gabriel, her son's phone helped avert a dangerous situation when he left school during his free period and got lost.

"He texted a teacher ... who figured out where he was, and helped him figure out how to get back," Gabriel shares, adding with palpable dread, "I think about what would have happened that day if he didn't have a cell phone ..."

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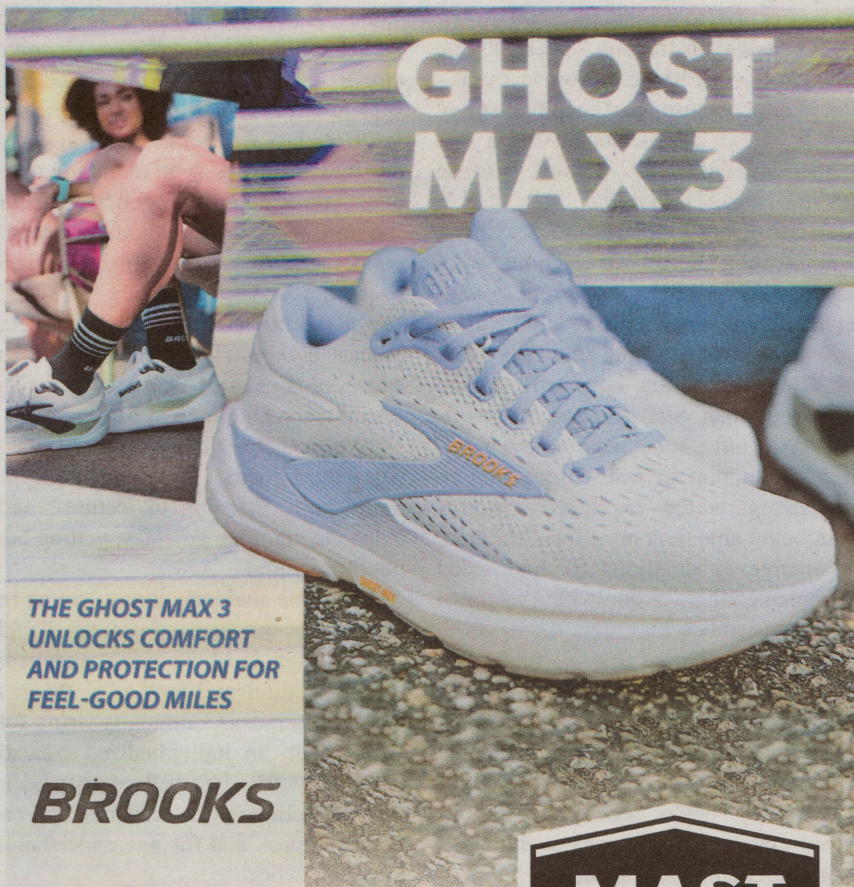
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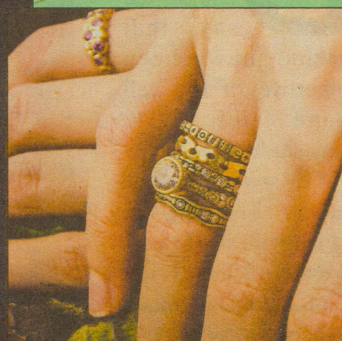
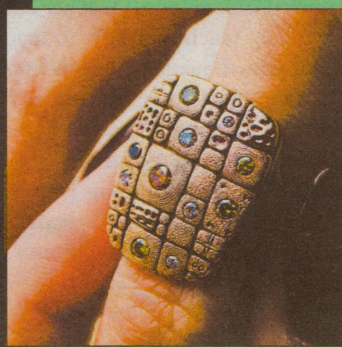
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The Republican-authored House Bill 4141 lost by three votes, with zero Democratic support. Senate Bill 234, introduced by a Democrat, is still alive, but House speaker Matt Hall, R-Richland Twp., told reporters in August nothing will be passed this year.

That's fine with Gabriel. A state law is "a one-size-fits-all answer to a problem that even grown-ups are facing," she says. "None of us are very good at managing time on our phones, but I would give teachers the right to make decisions about their own classrooms."

Which makes sense, in theory. But in practice, Walters warns, it can create more work for teachers.

"Our district does not have a uniform policy on phone restrictions," he writes. "Our superintendents abdicated their responsibility and instead suggested that each school should conduct its own pilots and public engagement with parents. Principals across AAPS devised a patchwork of inconsistent policies. We sometimes receive support to enforce these rules, sometimes not."

"What's going to work here in Ann Arbor is not going to work in the same way as in a rural community in northern Michigan," Cornelison notes. Moreover, a statewide ban "loses an opportunity for the young people to actually be engaged in the process, and I think they'll be more likely to follow the rule if they're a part of that conversation too."

Also absent from the conversation are the tech companies creating the apps that have proven so addictive for young (and grown-up) minds. It's technologically possible to block notifications and restrict app usage and content; is there a reason why the proposed legislation doesn't put the responsibility on tech companies?

"The ways we use our technology are constantly changing, so codifying into law specific modes or settings that seem sensible now is not a flexible way to respond to an evolving issue," emails a staffer for state senator Jeff Irwin, who voted yes on SB 234. "In five years, we could be stuck with a law as outdated as regulating the noise of a dial-up modem."

Meanwhile, Walters notes, "Our district decided to introduce 1:1 MacBooks for [grade] 9-12 students beginning this year. We are already struggling with phones and kids using GenAI to cheat on their Chromebooks. Now students are given more powerful tools that teachers have less control over. ... When we voice our demands against introducing more distractions into the classroom, district executives often respond by criticizing our lessons for not being sufficiently engaging. As if any lesson could compete with video games for the interest of our young students whose impulse control is not yet fully developed."

"The result is that the overwhelming burden to provide consistent, high-quality education lies on the shoulders of individual teachers. The question of phones is emblematic of a host of issues in our district and beyond."

Those issues aren't going away, but they'll no longer be Walters' problem: he's leaving the teaching profession—and starting U-M Law this fall.



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Charpie, this year's volunteer chairperson, is a professor with the Department of Pediatrics, Amnon Rosenthal professor and division director of Pediatric Cardiology and co-director of the University of Michigan's Heart Center.

"John demonstrates outstanding leadership and dedication as both a professor and director at Michigan Medicine," American Heart Association - Southeast Michigan Executive Director Sara Hegarty said. "His passion and commitment to the American Heart Association's mission, deep understanding of community needs, and unwavering drive to make a difference positions him as the perfect choice to chair this event."

Charpie's clinical interests and expertise are in pediatric cardiac intensive care for infants, children and young adults with congenital and acquired heart disease. As a cardiac intensive care physician,



2025 Ann Arbor Jackson Heart Ball Chair John Charpie

he's also interested in examining early and late outcomes following congenital heart surgical and catheter-based interventions and developing and testing novel therapies aimed at improving morbidity and mortality including antioxidants and therapeutic hypothermia among others. Dr. Charpie serves as a principal investigator or co-investigator for several government and industry-sponsored studies in pediatric cardiology.

"As a pediatric cardiologist for more than 30 years, I've witnessed incredible advances in clinical care and improved outcomes for children and young adults with heart disease and stroke based on technological innovations and research developments that are primarily supported by charitable organizations such as the American Heart Association," Charpie said. "I believe that it is important to give back to these organizations to assure an even brighter future in cardiovascular care for the next generation."

The 2025 Ann Arbor Jackson Heart Ball, sponsored by Michigan Medicine and the DTE Foundation, will be held on Friday, Oct 10, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Jack Roth Stadium Club. The Heart Ball celebrates hope and progress made through the dedication and passion of all who support the American Heart Association's efforts to make an impact on the health of the community.

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THE MEANING OF THE \$3,100 CAMPUS STUDIO

More high-rises and dorms are in the pipeline, but the student housing boom may finally have peaked.



by Antonio Cooper

When Vic Village South opened last year, it was the latest of the half-dozen luxury student high-rises that have sprouted along South University in the last twenty years. With its slightly older sister across South U, Vic Village North, it's right at the corner of East University—many tenants can look down on the Diag.

With a penthouse lounge, CrossFit gym, and available underground parking, the amenities are pretty great, too. This year, a one-bedroom apartment was listed at \$3,099.

Yet as move-in began this August, Vic Village South's website advertised, "Leasing Now Open for 2025–26!" Social media ads announced, "We have 1, 2, 3, and 4-Bedroom apartments available!"

What happened? For one thing, it's no longer the newest high-rise in the area. In the last couple of years, city council has effectively expanded the area where they can be built, approving "planned unit developments" in downtown-adjacent neighborhoods. The first to open is on the east side of S. Forest Ave., where a St. Louis developer tore down a 1960s-vin-

tage low-rise apartment building to create Verve. It matches Vic Village South's amenities and adds a rooftop swimming pool. A studio costs \$3,099 a month, and they're sold out.

Across campus, the Legacy on W. Washington also opened this year. Its most expensive bed also listed for \$3,099, but two blocks from campus, that buys a one-bedroom apartment.

At nineteen stories, the Legacy dwarfs the eight-story Corner House Lofts across State St., but the two share parents: Detroit-area developer Howard Frehsee, and a city increasingly interested in promoting density through taller buildings.

A commercial developer at the time, Frehsee had initially proposed replacing a one-story former fast-food restaurant there with another low building. But the city asked him to think bigger, so he ran some numbers.

In 2022, he told the Observer's Jan Schlain that when his daughter was a U-M student, he'd been shocked to find her living in a dilapidated old house with a rotted fire escape—he called it "a fire trap, a rat trap." When he learned how much his ex-wife was paying in rent, he said, "I started to think, 'Hmm. I can probably build something for less than that that would be really safe.'"

When the Corner House opened in 2004, it was the city's tallest residential building since Tower Plaza in the 1960s. But as the city continued to encourage more housing in the downtown area, national developers began running Frehsee's playbook on a much larger scale.

He'd already begun assembling property across State, and was thinking of a bigger building there. It turned into a far longer and more complicated process than he'd imagined—he compared navigating the pandemic to "launching a rocket in the worst weather possible"—and he finally had to partner with one of the biggest national firms, Landmark, to bring it to fruition. But when it opened in August, the 521-bed Legacy was Ann Arbor's biggest campus complex yet—and a press release announcing its August opening claimed that it was fully leased.

That statement might have come with an asterisk, however: as move-in day approached, social media ads offered deep discounts, as much as \$540 per month, plus a \$600 gift card for renting one of those costly one-bedrooms.

As the Observer went to press, the deals were still advertised on the Legacy's website. The steep prices developers are asking, and sometimes getting, have kept them building more. But the newest



Living alone in the South U area's newest apartment towers will cost you: a one-bedroom apartment in Vic Village South (above) lists for \$3,099. On S. Forest Ave., Verve (right) wants \$1 more—for a studio.

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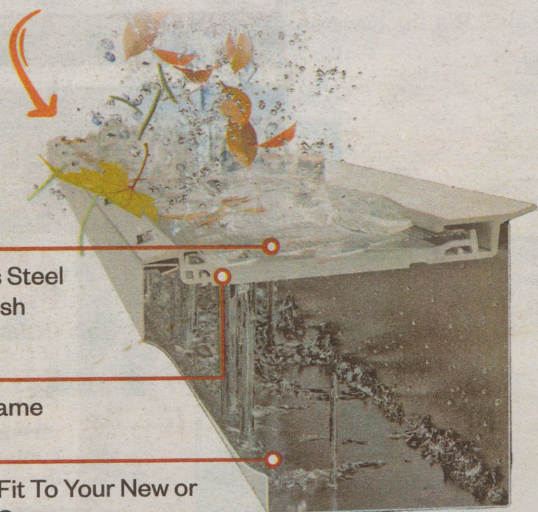


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Fortunately for landlords chasing student tenants in August, the U-M's new dorm (right) is delayed till 2026. Rents are lower the farther you get from campus: on Maple north of Miller, Maple Cove's website quotes \$1,795 for a new one-bedroom.

high-rises opening with vacancies and discounts doesn't bode well for the half-dozen more currently in the planning process or under construction—especially with a new U-M dorm nearing completion on the former Elbel field, and nearby homes and apartments being demolished to clear the site for a second.

An Observer survey of recent off-campus construction confirms that living near the campus area puts the heaviest burden on your pocketbook.

Since 2022, developers have completed nine major rental complexes in the Observer's circulation area (the Ann Arbor zip codes and school district). Verve's \$3,100 studio is the most expensive. Looking at a list of projects that passed through planning review, the least expensive is Avia Lofts, where a one-bedroom rents for \$1,600, just over half what Verve is asking. But while it, too, claims to offer luxury, Avia is not remotely in the same league: online photos reveal 1980s-vintage kitchen cabinets, relics of its prior life as a Residence Inn hotel.

For truly new apartments, the best prices we found were at Maple Cove, a cluster of small buildings on Maple Rd. north of Miller Rd. Thanks to less expensive land and "stick-built" construction, a one-bedroom apartment there costs \$1,795, according to its website.

Demand seems strong. The developer is proceeding cautiously, one building at a time, but with three up and a fourth underway it now has more than seventy apartments, including roommate-friendly two-bedroom, two-bath units at \$2,095. At just over \$1,000 per bed, that's a bargain for new Ann Arbor rentals.

Renters willing to share can trade privacy for savings. At Verve, the cost to lease a bedroom and bathroom in a shared apartment falls as the number of roommates rises—from \$2,345 per person in a two-bedroom to \$1,799 in a five-bedroom.

Choosing a mid-rise "podium" building farther from campus also costs less. Hoover + Greene, which replaced an entire block of homes and businesses near the stadium, was asking \$2,835 for one-



bedrooms in mid-August, adjusted for a "two months free" offer. At Beekman on Broadway, which opened its newest building on Maiden Lane last year, you could get a two-bedroom for that, and a one-bedroom for \$2,300. And by then, Packard Row, on its namesake street east of Stadium, had marked its available two-bed, two-bath units down from \$2,950 to \$2,459.

A few distant complexes compensate by running their own shuttle buses. At University Trails, a townhouse and apartment community on Pontiac Trail near Dhu Varren Rd., one-bedrooms start at \$2,249—a more than 25 percent discount over a high-rise for students willing to take a bus to campus.

Everywhere, of course, amenities cost more. At Avant on S. Maple, which has a clubhouse, pool, and walking trails, one-bedrooms start at \$2,225—20 percent more than at Maple Cove. It's the same at Woodview Commons, a vast 450-unit apartment and townhome complex south of Dexter at the westernmost end of Ann Arbor's 48103 zip code.

The August discounts reflect an essential fact about renting to students: everyone needs a place to live before school starts, but very few do after. For landlords, that means that if an apartment doesn't have a tenant by September, it might remain vacant till the next semester, or even the next school year.

The discounts are intended to give them a short-term edge during that last-minute rush. But when so many landlords are offering them so openly, it suggests that at least on the student side, the number of available beds may finally be catching up with the U-M's growing enrollment, which is on track pass 53,000 this year. This year's scramble for students would have been sharper if, as planned, the new dorm had opened this year.

It will open next year, as will still more high-rises. By then the second dorm will be rising as well.

Meanwhile, Ann Arbor is drafting a new comprehensive plan that calls for increased density almost everywhere. Since the city is fully built out, that means replacing single-family homes with small apartments, and small apartments with bigger ones.

If that future comes to pass, Ann Arbor has more apartments in its future—and the day may come when landlords competing for tenants will no longer be news.



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Baked Goods Bring Joy to New Year's Celebrations

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For folks looking for a fresh (or freshly baked) start, one answer might be to celebrate the Jewish New Year in September. In fact, rumors are swirling around the country that regular consumption of holiday challahs could be the key to having a joyous and complete New Year! With more and more Americans looking forward to exactly that, experts are forecasting a record year for round challah sales. Zingerman's Mail Order team member Daniel told the Times about one satisfied guest from Los Angeles who contributed to those numbers, saying:

Marian went wild for the Challah Turban! She had never ordered from us before and found Zingerman's when she was looking for High Holy Day challah. After receiving (and finishing) her holiday order, she was compelled to order another round this week before these treats are done for the year.

As always, holiday challahs from Zingerman's will emerge from the local bakery's ovens for just a couple of weeks (9/19-10/2). Challah Turbans are gorgeous, saffron-colored challahs in the traditional round shape, available with or without dark rum-soaked sultanas and red flame raisins. More Rockin' Challah is a beautiful, Moroccan loaf brushed with honey and topped with poppy, sesame, and anise seeds. The Bakehouse also offers German Challah, an eggless loaf made with freshly milled wheat and spelt for a delicious nutty flavor and potatoes for a tender, chewy texture.

Also on tap for the Jewish New Year season are the Bakehouse Bumble Honey Coffee Cakes made with Michigan buckwheat honey and organic 100% whole rye flour; Apple Rétes with a tasty apple filling tucked into fresh strudel dough; and two types of babka, one with dark chocolate and raisins, the other with roasted apples, toasted walnuts and Michigan honey. All of which are statistically shown to forecast an exceptionally sweet New Year.

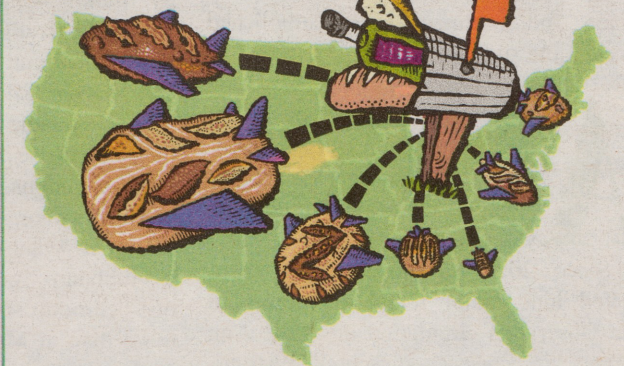


Local Business Hiring Hundreds for the Holidays

an exciting opportunity at zingerman's mail order

The Times local jobs journalist has learned that Zingerman's Mail Order is already recruiting for the holiday season. The artisan food retailer is hiring workers to answer phones, keep the warehouse tidy, make employee meals, and more.

In an exclusive interview, warehouse leader Eric said, "I enjoy the hustle and bustle. The buzz at Mail Order is almost magical." There's no experience necessary to join the lauded retailer's crew for a fast-paced holiday season. These temporary seasonal positions are full or part-time, day or night shift, and include perks, like free lunch served on-site daily. Staff member Jason shared, "Getting the chance to not only work with amazing food, but to enjoy it, is awesome. I had no idea this could all happen in a warehouse."



Zingerman's Shares Stellar Systems for Supporting Staff

in an upcoming zingtrain seminar

Times learning liaisons were tipped off to a rumor about transformative training at ZingTrain—a Zingerman's company helping businesses to be more effective, engaging, and enjoyable places for their customers and staff. They share Zingerman's unique approach to business with forward-thinking organizations through a variety of formats, including in-person seminars and workshops, virtual workshops, personalized training, books, and self-paced courses.

On September 17 and 18, ZingTrain will be leading a 2-day Systems for Supporting Staff seminar. The ZingTrain team shared that participants will explore how to provide employees with an excellent staff experience and why it matters for organizational success. Attendees will also gain tools to enhance hiring and onboarding, as well as to support the growth and development of their entire team through effective training and performance feedback. In-person offerings like this one also come with special perks, like behind-the-scenes tours (of Zingerman's Deli and Zingerman's Bakehouse) and a lot of delicious food (breakfasts, lunches, snacks, and treats from fellow Zingerman's businesses). Crystal, a recent attendee, called the seminar "impactful," telling the Times, "I couldn't wait to share what I learned."



Get on board! Head to zingtrain.com/training to register.

Honey + Halva Sale Has A2 A-buzz

Sweet savings abound at zingerman's delicatessen

It's a sale that only comes around once a year and is considered by Ann Arborites to be the bee's knees. A sweet spread scribe at the Times learned that the Deli's Honey + Halva Sale includes a discount on a selection of the two, just right for ringing in Rosh Hashanah. Sustainably made with high-quality ingredients, this is the best time to stock up (even if you're not celebrating the High Holidays).

Halva is a delicious confection that originated in the Middle East, typically made with a sesame or nut base. Deli Specialty Foods Manager Aislinn is particularly smitten with the "flaky, cottony, crispy, airy, melt-on-your-tongue lusciousness" of Hebel & Co's halva. Hebel & Co handcrafts their tahini-based halva in Los Angeles, California, with organic ingredients, no preservatives, and no artificial flavors. It's made with a tahini from Ethiopia that uses roasted and hulled sesame seeds, of which co-owner Scott Hebel told the Times, "It's considered the world's finest. It has a sweet, nutty taste on its own as opposed to what you might normally find, more of a bitter note from other regions of the world."



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Marketplace Changes

by Dave Algase

Work and Play at Recess Cafe

Thressa Nichols doubles down on downtown.

Thressa Nichols, a people operations professional who works remotely, decided to open the business she wanted to patronize. She and her husband, Zac Hodgkin, are launching **Recess Cafe**, where young children can play while their adults work or socialize while enjoying coffee, elevated snacks, and even wine and beer.

The mother of two—a six-year-old Bach Elementary student and another about to turn two—Nichols points out that a university community includes plenty of “trailing spouses” looking for connection and perhaps asking themselves, “Where do I go to meet the people where it’s not awkward, but there’s other people hanging out and engaging?”

Her answer is a charming, brick-walled lounge on S. Ashley, most recently an annex for Downtown Home & Garden (see article below). Leather couches and chairs, cushioned church pews, sturdy tables (with child-friendly rounded corners), and a laptop bar share the space with a play-scape that includes a padded floor, slide, lofted platform, honeycomb play structure, magnet wall, and non-beeping toys made mostly of natural materials. There’s also an elevated model train track and an enclosed “phone booth,” for when an adult needs quiet to make a call or soothe a tired tot.

As Nichols puts it, it’s a “‘Honey, you wanna meet up at Recess after work and just grab a beer and a bite and let the kids play before we put them to bed tonight?’ kind of thing.”

Or alternatively, “I just picked the girls up from preschool. It’s 3:30. I have four more emails to send. I’m gonna swing by here, get them a snack, [and] let them play while I send those four emails.”

With Hyperion coffee, Calder milk, and handcrafted baked goods from Fenton-based Crust served from a central prep counter, the café is free to enter, unless you’re a kid, where it’s pay-to-play for two-hour increments or via membership passes.

Operations manager Amelia Pointer, a recent U-M grad, has a childcare background, but it’s up to customers to supervise the kids they bring.

A board member for the Downtown Development Authority since 2022 (her persistent inquiries led to an at-large seat), Nichols believes the central city retains a unique identity. “I know for some people who’ve been here a lot longer than me it feels like maybe it’s lost some of that, but it’s also gained other things in other ways,” she says. “So, yeah, I guess I am doubling down on downtown.”



Thressa Nichols (center) and Zac Hodgkin launched Recess Cafe as a third space for parents to work or socialize while their children play. They’re pictured here with their children, six-year-old Frankie and almost-two-year-old Ira, and operations manager Amelia Pointer.

Recess Cafe, 208 S. Ashley. Wed.–Sat. 8 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Closed Mon. & Tues. recess.cafe

A Paletería in Scio

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The latest scoop from Scio Township: the ambitious Arreola brothers have added a Mexican *paletería* within Dos Hermanos Express.



La Michoacana Express is the latest venture from brothers Alex (left) and Hiram Arreola. The Mexican-style ice cream shop is located within their fast-casual restaurant, Dos Hermanos Express.

La Michoacana Express features a colorful array of ice creams, aguas frescas, popsicles, yogurts, *raspados* (shaved ice), confection-covered bananas, and other desserts. Savory snacks range from loaded nachos to Mexican street corn to the pickled pork rinds called *cueritos*.

“There’s nothing like this around here,” says Alex Arreola, the older of the two twenty-something brothers. He and Hiram handled the bulk of the buildout themselves, removing a wall to expand into what had been an office space with help from their father Reyes, one of the original Dos Hermanos (“Two Brothers”) who built the business from a Mexican market in Ypsilanti.

“It’s a lot of work, a lot of sacrifice,” says Hiram, “We missed our summer, but at the end of the day it’s all gonna be worth it.”

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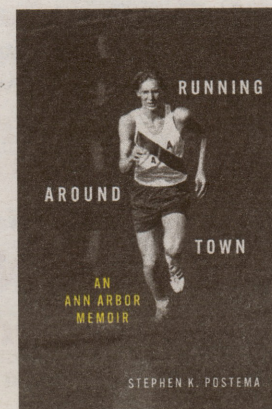
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La Michoacana is a California-based brand that distributes to thousands of stores, eateries, and independent shops. The name—fortuitously similar to Michigan—refers to a girl or woman from the southwest Mexican state of Michoacán.

“Every time we’d go to Chicago, we used to go to the ice cream shop out there,” explains Alex. “And we would always say, ‘Man, one day we want to have one of these.’”

For a onetime fee, the company set them up with layout plans, merchandising decor, recipes, and training. Of the twenty-four varieties of ice cream and nondairy sorbets, Hiram’s favorite is the (nonalcoholic) tequila.

The brothers see the *paletería* as a natural complement to their Dos Hermanos Express’s fast-casual Mexican offerings. “People eat, and then they’ll come over here and grab a snack,” Alex says. “What’s a better combo than that?”

Since launching last year, Alex says, business has gone better than expected, especially at lunchtime, and they “feel very supported by the community.”

They now employ six, but each brother still works about seventy-five hours per week, keeping their eyes on the future. Aside from their small paychecks, “it all gets reinvested back into the business,” Alex says. They’re planning to expand the combined concept to more area locations.

“We’re really fast learners, and when we want something, we’re going to do it,” he says. Within five years, “we want to make a difference around here. We want people to know our brand, who we are, because we support the community as well.”

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the sincerity,” she says. Its farm store roots remain alongside myriad product line additions over the decades—plants and gardening essentials, patio furniture, outerwear, pet supplies, and housewares, particularly Polish pottery.

But, she says, “If Covid was an earthquake, then we still have aftershocks. Not to continue to beat that drum, but it is still a reality.”

The 2020 pandemic changed accustomed rhythms of consumer behavior and disrupted supply chains. One example she cites: anything less than a full semi trailer of home canning Ball jars became essentially unaffordable to stock. “It’s been very slippery and very elusive to try to get a feel,” she says.

A retail management veteran of sixteen years with REI, Vore began at DH&G in 2010 and financed its takeover in 2015 as Hodesh’s handpicked successor.

In 2019, they inked another five-year lease for the same base rent plus expenses, adding a percentage of on-site sales. Vore then expanded into the neighboring storefront, which seemed like “just the easiest decision in the world.” But the pandemic soon struck, and while the annex gave the store more breathing room to safely stay open throughout, she acknowledges it as “a diversion of resources that maybe, in the end, we couldn’t afford.”

She also “despised” the conversion of S. Ashley to allow two-way traffic in 2021, which made it trickier for customers to pull into the parking lot, or into the barn to load bulkier items. Weekend street closures of Washington and Liberty may support evening hospitality businesses, she adds, but not her vehicle-oriented daytime operation.

As the lease came up for renewal last year, Hodesh was discouraged by the sales trends. Revenue in 2024 was up just seven percent from his last year there in 2014, Vore reports.

Though he applauds the popular dog snack station Vore installed outside, Hodesh had a general sense that “she wasn’t matching up culturally. Maybe that’s what I can say. And that was driving off long-term business.”

Fearing his property might get tied up if DH&G went bankrupt, he offered a one-year renewal with possible extensions. It raised the rent by 26 percent as of June. He says the overall package is still only half of the appraised market rate.

He figured Vore might try to negotiate better terms, but she didn’t feel her position was strong enough to do that. “I have all the respect in the world for Mark and everything he’s accomplished,” Vore says. “I feel sad about the breakdown in communication.”

So she cut staff, ended the annex lease a few months early, and reduced inventory. “It’s not like I just tossed in the towel,” she says. “Everything we could pare down has been pared down. We’ve made strides, so things are better than they were, but it’s not good enough.”

The store’s final months will see progressive price markdowns, beginning with 30 percent off summer goods. A strong finish will improve the chances that the business might reemerge elsewhere, though

“A Massive Chasm”

Downtown Home & Garden will close in December.

“This is a massive chasm, massive,” says **Downtown Home & Garden** owner Kelly Vore. “It’s heavy, on every level.”

A decade after buying the iconic Ashley St. emporium from longtime proprietor Mark Hodesh, who retains its historic real estate, Vore announced that financial conditions will prompt its closure on Christmas Eve.

From a hefty picnic table in the barn built in 1908 as a livery stable for the business then known as Hertler Brothers, Vore reflects on the impending demise of a distinctive representation of the city’s eclectic originality and creative charm.

“People love the knowledge, they love the service, they love the help, they love

she's not focused on that yet. "We will still have tulip bulbs and amaryllis bulbs and mums and pumpkins and Christmas trees and things like that," she promises. "None of us are riding off into the sunset."

Hodesh says he's not selling the real estate, but he's unsure what will happen next with the retail space; at eighty-one, he's not up for running another business himself.

A quintessential townie, Hodesh bought Hertler Brothers from its founding family in 1975 with proceeds from selling the nearby Fleetwood Diner. Hodesh sold Hertler's in 1981 but ousted what he felt was an underperforming successor in 1997 to revitalize it under its current name.

He says the best option would be if "someone with good energy and money walked in and ran that store again. I just don't see it happening. I have ideas, but it takes people and money to make them happen."

He muses about his "dream business"—a Munich-inspired beer and bratwurst gathering spot—or perhaps a Vermont-style country store, or an antique hardware outlet. Whatever it is, "it's going to be a destination. It's going to be fun," he vows.

Even Vore concedes that "it could be fabulous. You never know. I would never rule the man out. But more importantly, I don't rule myself out."

Downtown Home & Garden, 210 S. Ashley. (734) 662-8122. Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. downtownhomeandgarden.com

Briefly Noted

Your Media Exchange is returning to Ann Arbor to make a longer-term home in the basement of Kerrytown Market & Shops, replacing its sister business, **Diggers**, which opened last year.

The buy/sell/trade outlet for new and used music, movies, books, and video games closed its previous location on S. Main in May. Owner Broc Curry says sales had fallen over the last year even as his Toledo store was doing better than ever.

"I just kept hearing over and over, Ann Arbor people don't go downtown," he says. "They don't like to pay for the parking. There's definitely some homeless issues downtown. I experienced a couple of those myself that were pretty intense."

Wanting to start again in a bigger location, Curry considered Briarwood Mall, but, "oddly," calls from him and his broker were never returned.

Meanwhile, Diggers drew seventy-five to 100 daily customers to its 4,000-square foot Kerrytown store, but profitability was elusive given its streamlined model that prices all its physical media, nearly 200,000 items, at just \$1.50.

He planned to close Diggers Aug. 23 and take three or four weeks to convert the space to YMX. It will still have nearly 50,000 unsorted items for \$1.50, but the business driver is the ability to offer, say, the latest Taylor Swift album and other catalogued inventory to meet customer requests. They'll stock more books than

the downtown space could hold and fill a local niche for movies on Blu-ray, DVD, and VHS.

Kerrytown's management was "fantastic to even let us try this crazy concept," Curry says. "They were being very fair with us on the rent to give us a shot." And he appreciates its "very Ann Arbor-centric" identity as a "cool little community right there that's in a neighborhood. We're pumped to give it a spin."

Curry's not giving up on Diggers—he's still looking for affordable space to open multiple locations over the next five years. "I just think it's such a great concept. I have more than enough inventory that I can fill up ten of them right now."

Your Media Exchange, 410 N. Fourth Ave. (Kerrytown Market & Shops). (855) 444-9767 (IGGY POP). Opening late Sept.: Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun. noon-6 p.m. physicalmedia.com

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Sixty-three small-scale enterprises, intrigued by the prospect of affordable overhead downtown, vied for three retail spaces at the Ann Arbor District Library's new "Lobby Shops."

The library has chosen **Silky Grooves**, **Gardens Within**, and **JFSMade** to inaugurate its pilot program of business incubation, using space freed up when the Friends of the AADL Book Shop moved to the library's off-site new facility in Scio Twp. last year. They're setting up shop for six-month tenancies, with a possibility to renew.

Silky Grooves was awarded the largest of the three suites—about 500 square feet for \$250 per month—and is the first to open, starting with variable weekend hours. The vintage reseller has been operating since 2019 at various festivals and pop-ups, offering an eclectic selection of "funktastic" records and other physical media, apparel, toys, games, kitchenware, and collectibles.

At press time, preparations were still ongoing in the two smaller suites, each about 200 square feet, renting for just \$100 per month.

Gardens Within will offer locally grown fresh flowers and indoor plants, as well as pottery and other wares from area artisans. JFSMade will support refugee entrepreneurs by showcasing the various brands and handcrafted creations of Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County's immigrant clients.

AADL Lobby Shops, 343 S. Fifth Ave. See aadl.org/lobbyshops for stores' hours. instagram.com/silkygrooves, jfsann Arbor.org/jfs-made

Friends of the AADL Book Shop, 265 Parkland Plaza. (734) 302-7774. Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. faadl.org/book_shop

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The Marketplace Changes beat includes periodic walks through Briarwood Mall, getting in steps while tracking stores' comings and goings.

In August, signs promised openings for Hollister (a teen casual wear brand owned by Abercrombie & Fitch, which left the mall in 2021), J & S Jewelers, and a likely



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seasonal appearance of Spirit Halloween in the large former Forever 21 space. **Ramen Ya** appears just about ready to offer its Japanese noodle dishes from the central food court.

The most recent launch is a convenience store, **Munchies**, which might seem peculiarly placed near the middle of an enclosed shopping center. But it's actually their third such location, following Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn and Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. Owner Yosef Ahmed explains that most of his customers are mall employees.

Munchies offers mostly single-serving snacks and drinks, but also jumper cables, earbuds, cigarettes, and a few grocery items. Most items lack price tags, but Ahmed says they're "just like gas-station prices."

Munchies, Briarwood Mall (Von Maur wing). Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Closings

Rave reviews for their Brazilian açai bowls and exotic smoothies weren't enough to keep **Samba Bowls** afloat. The eatery closed Aug. 17, just three days after announcing it and fourteen months after unveiling a cheery remake of the former Vogel's Lock & Safe on W. Washington.

Brazilian-born founders Jamille and Lucas Chamon sold the business last December in the face of pressing family issues. Valarie Sines, from the Flint area, stepped in based on an interest in supporting an ecosystem for healthy food options. She says she's long suffered from fibromyalgia, and her symptoms recently took an unexpected turn for the worse, limiting her ability to run the business.

She also cites disappointing foot traffic volume and the cost of downtown rent as factors in the closure. Honoring her landlord's request, she declined to specify the rent, as they're in negotiations to terminate the lease.

"The plan that we had is just not sustainable any longer," Sines says.



Dallas-based **Buff City Soap** has closed the "makery" it launched in 2022 on Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. Founded in 2013, the retail chain features plant-based personal care and laundry products produced on-site. Its experiential business model includes "bath-bomb" parties, where groups craft their own combinations of colors and fragrances.

The company's ambitious, private-equity-fueled expansion appears to have reached a plateau at about 240 stores across thirty states, with scattered reports of other closures emerging in recent months. The nearest remaining outlets are in Canton Twp. and Brighton.

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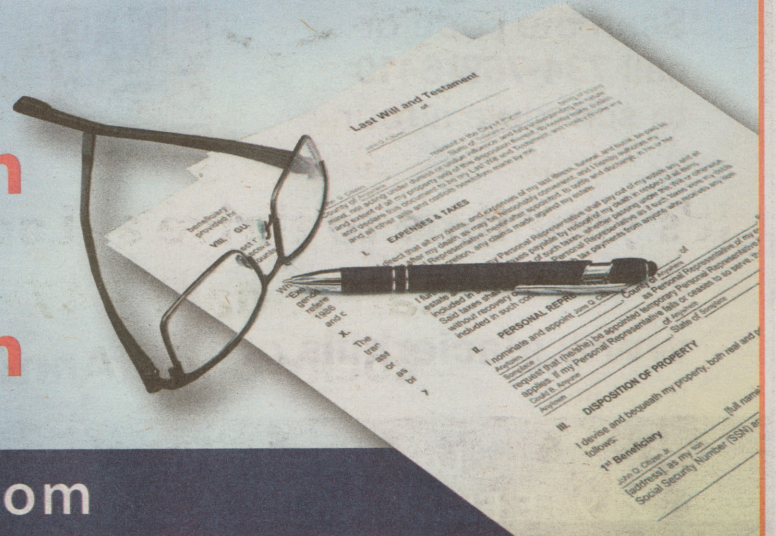
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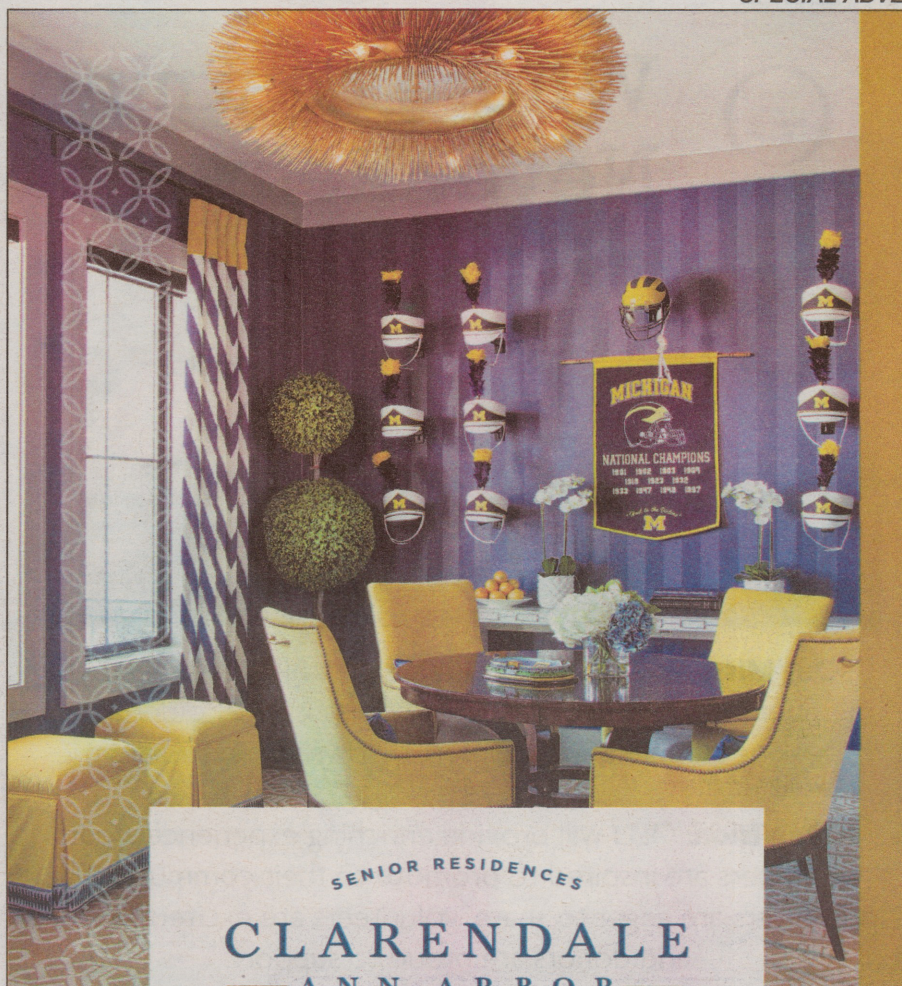


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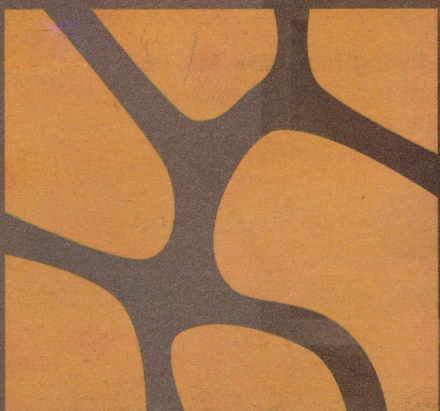
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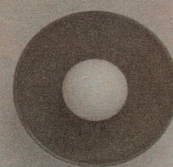
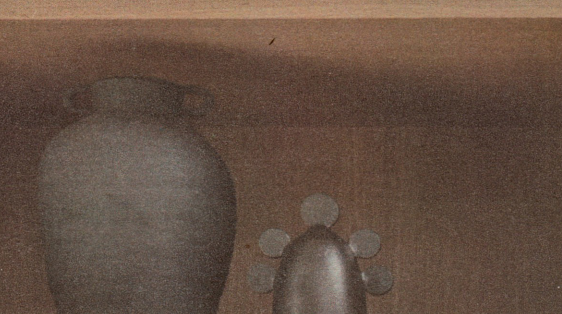
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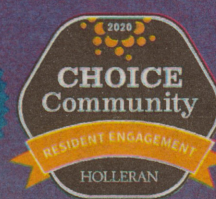
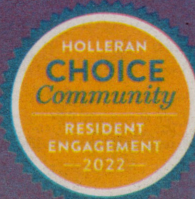
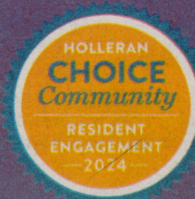
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"garage cabaret" quartet from Chicago whose music fuses New Orleans piano-based blues with the energy of rockabilly and punk and the sultriness of 60s soul. Fronted by the seductive vocals of Berit Ulseth, with pianist Johnny Iguana, bassist-guitarist Zach Verdoorn, and drummer Michael Caskey. The *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* calls their sensibility "equal parts James Dean and David Lynch." \$29. **Sept. 15: Joe Henry & Mike Reid.** Duo of acclaimed country-rooted folk-rock singer-songwriters. Henry, who grew up in Michigan, is often compared to Van Morrison for his passionate emotional directness and to Dylan for his restless musical inventiveness and poetic lyrical touch. Reid, a member of the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, was a dominant force in commercial country music of the 80s and early 90s, writing hits for Bonnie Raitt, Ronnie Milsap, Conway Twitty, Don Williams, Wynonna, Tim McGraw, and others. The duo have a brand-new album, *Life & Time*. \$35. **Sept. 16: Open Mic.** See above. \$3 (members & students, free). **Sept. 17: Abigail Lapell.** An indie-pop singer-songwriter from Toronto whose music *Rolling Stone* describes as "somewhere between Gillian Welch and Laura Veir." Her new album, *Anniversary*, explores love song tropes, grappling with love's finitude and how codependency and longing are revered in popular music. \$29. **Sept. 18: Luke Winslow-King.** Cadillac-bred Americana singer-songwriter and guitarist who currently lives in New Orleans. Winslow-King specializes in a style of pre-WWII pop music steeped in blues and jazz, along with originals in the same vein. \$29. **Sept. 19: Djangophonique and Harmonious Wail.** Double bill. Djangophonique is a local quartet led by guitarist Andrew Brown that plays vintage jazz in the style of gypsy guitarist Django Reinhardt's 1930s Parisian swing. Harmonious Wail is a Wisconsin ensemble that plays a mix of swing and bluegrass standards & originals. \$29. **Sept. 20: The Weight Band.** This supergroup of former members of the post-*Last Waltz* lineup of The Band, the Levon Helm Band, and the Rick Danko Group plays classics by The Band, including "The Weight," "Up On Cripple Creek," "Ophelia," "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down," and others. Tonight they also play originals from their 2022 album, *Shines Like Gold*. With vocalist-guitarist Jim Weider, multi-instrumentalists Brian Mitchell, vocalist-bassist Albert Rogers, keyboardist Matt Zeiner, and singer and multi-instrumentalist Michael Bram. \$35. **Sept. 21: Dan Rodriguez & Heather Maloney.** Double bill. Maloney is a Massachusetts indie-folk singer-songwriter whose thoughtful and introspective story songs have been praised by the *New York Times* as "utterly gorgeous, visceral." Rodriguez, a Detroit native now living in Minneapolis, is a folk-rock singer-guitarist who pens honest songs about work and family life. \$29. **Sept. 23: Palmyra.** Contemporary bluegrass trio from Virginia whose songs on such unconventional themes as gender dysphoria flirt with soul, post-rock, and even emo. "Palmyra makes you believe they've been singing together for decades, their harmonies are so electric and full of life," writes *The Bluegrass Situation*. Free; nonperishable donations for Food Gatherers accepted. **Sept. 24: Ron Sexsmith.** Critically acclaimed veteran Canadian singer-songwriter known for the bittersweet lyricism and playful yet self-effacing songs that artfully fuse classic pop, contemporary acoustic, and roots-rock idioms. "Like Ray Davies, Sexsmith is an unpretentiously distinctive observer of life's usual things—romance, parenthood, places, seasons," writes one *Trouser Press* reviewer. "And like Tim Hardin's, his lived-in voice is a deeply affecting instrument, resonating with heartbreaking tenderness." Tonight he plays songs from his brand-new album, *Hangover Terrace*. \$35. **Sept. 26: John Craigie.** This Portland (OR)-based singer-songwriter, a self-described "vagabond troubadour," is known for his funny storytelling and Woody Guthrie-style guitar playing. *Americana Highways* calls his 2024 album, *Pagan Church*, "a dark-humored mix of blues, electric folk and slightly twangy rock-n-roll." Opener: **Cristina Vane**, an L.A.-based country-blues singer-songwriter. \$35. **Sept. 27: Willi Carlisle.** A

Missouri-based singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist known for his evocative lyrics and clever turns of phrase, with songs that range from cowboy ballads to narcocorridos and trucker songs. His 2024 album, *Critterland*, is a somber and honest look at suffering in small-town America, in particular the devastating effects of drug addiction. Opener: **The Lowest Pair**, an old-time country music duo of banjoists Kendi Winter, an Arkansas native now living in Olympia (WA), and Palmer T. Lee, former frontman of the Minneapolis bluegrass outfit The Boys & the Barrels. *Paste* critic Hilary Saunders calls them "one of the best under-the-radar Americana duos today." \$29. **Sept. 28: Scott Miller.** A Virginia singer-songwriter whose songs are known for their engaging mix of emotional directness and drily humorous wit. *Rolling Stone* calls his music "equal parts humorous and heartfelt, shot through with social commentary, working-class twang and character-driven songwriting." \$29.

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Blackout. Ypsilanti psychedelic blues-rock trio. Openers: the Ypsilanti rock trio **Lonely Hearts Convention**, the local punk trio **Candor**, and the local indie rock band **Towner**. \$14. **Sept. 26: Spanish Love Songs.** All ages admitted. L.A.-based self-styled "grouch punk" quintet. \$27. **Sept. 27: The Martians.** All ages admitted. Teen rock band. Openers: fellow area teen rock bands **Sins of Madness** and **Unholy Honor**. 7 p.m. \$14. **Sept. 27: Electric Rodeo.** Electronica and country dance party. \$22. 10 p.m.

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314 S. Main

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This jazz club/restaurant features live music 7-9:30 p.m. (Wed. & Thurs.), 7-10 p.m. (Fri.), 6:30-9:30 p.m. (Sat.), 6-8:30 p.m. (Sun.), and late shows 10:30 p.m.-midnight (Fri. & Sat.). Except as noted, \$25 cover. Dinner shows include a 3-course dinner. Advance tickets available at [bluellamacub.com](http://bluellamaclub.com). No dancing except for Latin jazz shows and as otherwise noted. **Sept. 3: Rick Roe Trio.** Local jazz ensemble led by Roe, a pianist whose repertoire includes Disney songs, *Star Wars* themes, TV themes, classical pieces, and Thelonious Monk classics, along with wildly inventive originals. **Sept. 4: George Porter Jr.** Legendary jazz-funk bassist best known as one of the founding members of the seminal New Orleans band The Meters, who, with their syncopated polyrhythms and grooves, are widely recognized as one of the progenitors of the funk sound of the late 60s and early 70s. Porter's heavy pockets and fat notes created the rubbery bass lines behind numerous funk hits, including "Cissy Strut" and Patty LaBelle's "Lady Marmalade." Dinner shows: 7 & 9:30 p.m. \$90. **Sept. 5 & 6: Straight Ahead.** All-star all-women jazz ensemble from Detroit known for its confident sound that draws on mainstream jazz, Latin, and neo-soul. With pianist Eileen Orr, bassist Marion Hayden, drummer Gayelynn McKinney, flutist Althea Rene, and vocalist Kymberli Wright. **Sept. 6: Junk Jazz.** Experimental jazz improvisations by the duo of drummer Djallo Djakate and vocalist-keyboardist Aya Sekine. 10:15-11:45 p.m. \$15. **Sept. 7: Paul Cornish Trio.** Jazz ensemble led by young Houston-based pianist Cornish. "Cornish's approach, in its even-keeled texture and shrewd harmony, is a sort of mastery that entices rather than merely impresses," writes the *Urban Music Scene*. Dinner shows: 6 & 8:30 p.m. \$75. **Sept. 10: Houston Patton & Hidden Nomination.** U-M music student ensemble led by Detroit saxophonist Patton. **Sept. 11: Redwood.** The stage name of jazz singer-pianist Sequoia Snyder whose adventurous original music draws on a wide array of influences from funk, soul, gospel, and R&B to hip-hop and pop. **Sept. 12: Jimmy Greene Quartet.** Jazz ensemble led by acclaimed Connecticut saxophonist Greene. "He's got a big barrelhouse sound, and a way of negotiating changes that make academic moves seem natural," writes the *Village Voice*. **Sept. 13: Michael Dease All-Star Quintet.** Jazz ensemble led by this widely recorded MSU trombone professor, winner of a prestigious *DownBeat* pool for Trombonist of the Year. 6:30-9:30 p.m. **Sept. 13: Langston M. Kitchen & The Mahogany Collective.** Detroit jazz ensemble led by bassist Kitchen. 10:15-11:45 p.m. **Sept. 14: Noah Hogan Quartet.** Jazz ensemble led by this local guitarist, a U-M grad currently pursuing a degree in jazz performance at NYU. **Sept. 17: Sky Covington & November Fourth.** Detroit jazz ensemble led by vocalist Covington. **Sept. 18: Michael Mayo.** Jazz ensemble led by acclaimed young L.A.-based vocalist-arranger Mayo. *Pop Matters* praises his "stunning voice and unique approach that blends tradition and his own material into one hypnotic sound." Dinner shows: 7 & 9:30 p.m. \$85. **Sept. 19: Etienne Charles.** Ensemble led by this MSU music professor, a Trinidad-born trumpeter-composer known for what a *DownBeat* reviewer calls "a velvet, supple tone that's as melodically captivating as it is rhythmically agile." Dinner shows: 7 & 9:30 p.m. \$85. **Sept. 20: Aguank6.** Local Afro-Cuban jazz ensemble led by composer-percussionist Alberto Nacif. **Sept. 21: Nicole Heitger Quartet.** Two shows by this

Toledo jazz ensemble, led by vocalist Heitger, that plays a blend of Dixieland, swing, and bebop from the 1920s through the 1940s. 6 & 7:30 p.m. **Sept. 24: Ron Brooks Quintet.** Jazz ensemble led by veteran local bassist Brooks. **Sept. 26: Shahida Nurullah.** Ensemble led by Nurullah, a big-voiced Detroit jazz singer who specializes in blues, ballads, and pop standards. **Sept. 27: Sean Dobbins & The Collegiate Collage.** All-star ensemble of area jazz educators led by drummer Dobbins. 6:30-9:30 p.m. **Sept. 27: Andrew Rathbun & Gary Versace.** NYC-based jazz duo of accordionist Versace and saxophonist Rathbun. 10:15-11:45 p.m. \$15. **Sept. 28: Anthony Stanco.** Local jazz ensemble led by trumpeter Stanco.

The Club Above

215 N. Main (734) 686-4012

This dance club on the top floor of the Heidelberg restaurant features occasional live music 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. or later (doors at 9 p.m.). Dancing, cover. Age 21 & older admitted. **Every Fri.: "Latin Night."** DJ dance party featuring a variety of Latin genres, including bachata, salsa, merengue, reggaeton, and Top 40. **Every Sat. "Pride Night."** DJ spins a mix of pop hits and club classics.

Conor O'Neill's

318 S. Main (734) 665-2968

Downtown Irish pub with live music Sun. 6-9 p.m. or later. No cover, no dancing. **Every Sun.: Traditional Irish Session.** All invited to join or listen to an instrumental jam session.

Crazy Wisdom Bookstore

114 S. Main (734) 665-9468

This local bookstore hosts monthly live music in its Celestial Lounge, 7:30-9:30 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Sept. 12: Fendrick & Peck.** Veteran Minnesota-based acoustic indie folk singer-songwriter duo of Madeline Fendrick & Brian Peck.

The Earle

121 W. Washington (734) 994-0211

Restaurant with live jazz Tues.-Thurs. 7-9 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 7-10 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Tues.-Thurs.: Jake Reichbart.** Solo jazz guitarist. Solo jazz pianists TBA occasionally substitute. **Every Fri. & Sat.: Rick Burgess Trio.** Jazz ensemble, named after the late jazz pianist and Earle cofounder Burgess, featuring drummer Robert Warren and a rotating roster of bassists and pianists.

El Limón

2709 Plymouth Rd. (734) 780-7088

This Mexican-Mediterranean fusion restaurant in the Plymouth Mall Plaza features live music Mon. & Thurs. 6-8 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Sept. 4: Alvorada.** Latin-Mediterranean jazz by the local duo of vocalist Jade Rosa and guitarist G Estefan. **Sept. 11: The Jaybees.** Local acoustic Americana quartet fronted by Switchbacks vocalist Janet Benson and singer-guitarist John Baltic. With bassist Patrick Little and drummer Dave Wak. **Sept. 15: Rounding Third.** Local folk-rock quartet with bluegrass & Irish music flavors whose instrumentation features guitars, banjo, flute, and keyboard. **Sept. 18: Steve Rich & Friends.** A mix of acoustic jazz-oriented originals and traditional music by an ensemble led by singer-guitarist Rich. **Sept. 25: Kandy Fredrick & Cameron Getto.** Originals, country, folk, and some classic rock by this local singer-songwriter duo. **Sept. 29: Mary Ann Kirt.** Pop-folk and indie rock originals by this local singer-guitarist.

The Elks Lodge

220 Sunset (734) 761-7172

This basement venue in the James L. Crawford Elks Lodge rec room features occasional music. Dancing. **Every Thurs.: "House Music For All."** Dance party with a lineup of local house DJs TBA. 8 p.m.-midnight. No cover.

The Habitat Lounge

3050 Jackson Rd. (734) 665-3636

The lounge at Weber's Inn features live jazz Fri. & Sat. 9-11 p.m. Dancing, no cover. **Fri. & Sat.: Rob Crozier Jazz Ensemble.** Jazz originals

and standards by a local ensemble led by singer-bassist Crozier. The September show features guest vocalist **Tiffany Gridiron**, a sultry-voiced Lansing jazz singer.

Hear.Say Brewing + Theater

2350 W. Liberty (734) 506-8441

This brewpub and improv theater venue features occasional free live music. Dancing, no cover. **Sept. 5: Steve Taylor.** Country-rock covers and some originals by this Lake Orion Americana singer-songwriter. 7-10 p.m. **Sept. 12: LeRoy.** Jam-oriented rock band from Flint. 7-10 p.m. **Sept. 28: "Open Mic & Concert."** With performances by local folk singer-guitarist **Steff Kayser** and the harmonica & guitar folk duo **Ban(ne)d CiaDiPao**. Followed by an **Open Mic** (all acoustic performers invited; sign-up 2-3 p.m.) and a set by the duo of vocalist **Katie Smith** & guitarist **Andrew Brown** of the local gypsy jazz group **Djangophonique**. 3-6 p.m.

The Last Word

301 W. Huron St. (734) 585-5691

This downtown cocktail bar features live music Thurs. 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Thurs.: The Pherotones.** A wide range of jazz and jazzed-up popular music, from the 1920s to the present, by this all-star local quartet. With trumpeter Ross Huff, pianist Giancarlo Aversa, bassist Brennan Andes, and drummer Wes Fritzemeier.

LIVE

102 S. First St. (734) 623-1443

This lounge features live music Fri. happy hour 6:30-9 p.m. and occasional evenings. Also, DJs Mon. & Thurs.-Sat. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. No cover (except Fri. & Sat. after 11 p.m.), dancing. **Sept. 5: Ain't Dead Yet.** Local classic rock cover band. **Sept. 12: Stomp Rockets.** This energetic local garage-punk quintet is the latest in a long, storied line of great bands fronted by the charismatic vocalist Dan Mulholland. **Sept. 19: Al Jacquez Band.** All-star local ensemble led by veteran local blues and blues-rock singer-guitarist Jacquez. With keyboardist & guitarist Tom Loncaric, bassist Randy Tessier, and drummer Rich Dishman. **Sept. 26: Michelle Belanger & the Mystery Hillbillies.** Honky-tonk, rockabilly, Western swing, and vintage country by this area trio fronted by singer-guitarist Belanger. With guitar, steel guitar, and pedal steel virtuoso Drew Howard and former Lost World String Band multi-instrumentalist Frank Youngman.

Lo-Fi

220 S. Main (lower level) (734) 369-6070

Casual bar beneath the Nightcap cocktail lounge features DJs with dance music Wed.-Sat. 10 p.m.-2 a.m., and occasional live music 8-9:40 p.m. Cover, dancing. September schedule TBA.

The Necto

516 E. Liberty (734) 994-5835

This popular dance club features local and national DJs 3 nights a week: Mon., Fri., & Sat. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Also, occasional live shows. Cover, dancing. Advance tickets (when available) are at necto.com. **Every Mon.: "Factory."** DJ Misanthropia Narcissus & DJ Remnant spin goth, industrial, synthpop, aggrotech, witch house, harsh noise, alternative, and EBM records. **Every Fri.: "Pride."** DJ Edward Alan in the Main Room spins pop, Top 40, and EDM. DJ DigiMark plays retro 80s to Top 40 pop videos in the Red Room. **Every Sat.: "Frequency."** In the Main Room DJ Skoob E, DJ YodatheBard, VJ Bosslady, and MC 3Steez spin Top 40, hip-hop, and dance music.

Mash Ann Arbor

211 E. Washington (734) 222-4095

This lounge in the basement of the Blue Tractor tavern features live music Fri. & Sat. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Dancing, no cover. **Sept. 5: V.A.S.E.** Brighton rock quintet. **Sept. 6: TBA.** **Sept. 12: JP & the Energy.** Contemporary pop-rock and pop-punk covers and originals by this Lansing trio. **Sept. 13: Full Tilt Boogie.** Local blues-rock band led by singer-guitarist John Babij. **Sept. 19: Nobody's Business.** Redford blues and blues-rock band. **Sept. 20: TBA.** **Sept. 26: Cetan Clawson Experience.** Veteran Monroe

psychedelic blues-rock trio. **Sept. 27: Michael May & the Messarounds.** Jazz-inflected blues and blues-rock by this veteran local quartet led by vocalist and blues harpist May.

Mash Ypsilanti

400 W. River St., Ypsilanti (734) 441-6200

Sept. 5: Full Tilt Boogie. See Mash (Ann Arbor). **Sept. 6: DJ Cuvee.** DJ with dance records. **Sept. 12: Gemini Moon.** Guitar-driven classic and contemporary rock covers by the duo of singer-guitarist Joe Chamberlin and vocalist Casmira Draconid. **Sept. 13: TBA.** **Sept. 19: Jay Frydenlund.** Chirp singer-guitarist who plays rock 'n' roll, blues, and folk covers and originals. **Sept. 20: Reeds & Steel.** Acoustic jazz-inflected blues and blues-rock by the duo of singer and harmonica player Michael May and a guitarist TBA. **Sept. 26: Nobody's Business.** See Mash (Ann Arbor). **Sept. 27: The Reason You Came.** Detroit rock cover band.

Moonwinks Tavern

5151 Plymouth Rd. (734) 994-5151

This bar located next to the Moonwinks Café features live music Wed.-Thurs. (7-9 p.m.), & Fri.-Sat. (7:30-9:30 p.m.), along with karaoke every Mon. & a monthly open mic. No cover, except as noted; \$10 suggested donation; no dancing. **Sept. 3: John Vaughan.** Local singer-guitarist who plays covers in a variety of genres. 6-9 p.m. **Sept. 4: Gabriella Korkes.** Young local pop-folk singer-songwriter. **Sept. 5: Bill Arnold.** Rustic Americana by this gravelly voiced singer-songwriter & multi-instrumentalist. **Sept. 6: Spark.** A wide range of dance-friendly pop-rock by this local quartet fronted by vocalist Robin Grant. \$10. **Sept. 9: Eric Moore.** Bluesy folk-rock singer-songwriter & fingerstyle guitarist. **Sept. 10: Tavey Lean.** Local folk-rock singer-songwriter. **Sept. 12: The Loose Chords.** Local folk-rock & Americana duo. **Sept. 13: Doghouse.** Lansing hard rock quartet. \$10. **Sept. 17: John Vaughan.** See above. 6-9 p.m. **Sept. 18: Darwin Mamassian.** Detroit-area pop-folk & Americana singer-songwriter. **Sept. 19: Terry Farmer.** A longtime Detroit-area singer-songwriter and guitarist who spent 2 years as lead guitarist for California surf pioneers Jan & Dean, cofounded the chamber folk group Cairn to Cairn, and taught classical guitar at the Cleveland Institute of Music. **Sept. 20: Annie Bacon & Mike Green.** Duo of local folk-rock & Americana singer-songwriters. \$20. **Sept. 24: Tavey Lean.** See above. **Sept. 25: Dylan Tolbert.** Soulful pop-folk originals, along with covers of Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, Prince, U2, Elvis, and Chris Stapleton by this Kalamazoo-area singer-songwriter. **Sept. 26: Francie Lykins Bowman & Jim Botsford.** Area folk & Americana duo of vocalist Bowman and guitarist Botsford. **Sept. 27: Dan Cafferty, Rebecca Cameron, Steve Dougherty.** In-the-round performance by these three area folk-rock and Americana singer-songwriters. \$10.

North Star Lounge

301 N. Fifth Ave. nstarlounge.com

This music room & bar affiliated with the Detroit Street Filling Station next door features live music Wed., Fri., and Sat. 6:30-10 p.m. Also, Thurs. 7-10 p.m., LGBTQ Night features a rotating mix of DJs, trivia, karaoke, and bingo. \$10-\$20 cover (happy hour shows, free), no dancing. If advance tickets are sold, they are available at nstarlounge.com/events and (if available) at the door. **Sept. 3: Patrick Clinton.** Detroit-area pop-folk singer-songwriter. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. **Sept. 3: Open Mic.** All invited to bring a song, story, poetry, comedy, expression, magic, monologue, or other performance. Hosted by cat h. bradley & Forrest Hejkal. Sign-up starts at 6:30 p.m. 7-10 p.m. \$5. **Sept. 4: My Salamander.** Eclectic young local indie rock band. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. **Sept. 5: Randy Tessier.** This veteran local rock 'n' roll bassist leads an ensemble in a variety of original tunes, along with covers of everything from Mel Tormé to the Beatles. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. **Sept. 5: Wire in the Wood.** Local acoustic string quartet, led by singer-songwriter Billy Kirst, that describes its music as a "prog-bluegrass locomotive pulling a lonesome alt-folk boxcar and a swinging Hot-Club caboose." With mandolinist Michael Spaly, fiddler Jordan Adema, and bassist Ryan Shea. Tonight they are joined by guitarist Joe O'Dell.



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7-10 p.m. \$10. **Sept. 6: Turner Luce.** Local Americana and soft rock trio. 6:30-7:45 p.m. \$15. **Sept. 6: Rollic Tussing Trio.** Ensemble led by Tussing, a nationally known local guitar virtuoso who specializes in prewar country blues, hot jazz, and pop tunes of the 1920s & 30s. With trumpeter Ross Huff and bassist Serge Van der Voo. 9-10:15 p.m. \$20. **Sept. 10: Leo DiSanto.** Pennsylvania singer-songwriter known for his imaginative songwriting and powerful voice. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. **Sept. 10: Kedron.** Young Chelsea bluegrass and country-folk quartet. 7-10 p.m. \$10. **Sept. 11: Jan Krist & Alan Finkbeiner.** Local singer-songwriter duo. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. **Sept. 12: The Bends.** Midwest Radiohead tribute band. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. **Sept. 12: Pontiac Trail Blazers.** Local bluegrass quartet known for its beautiful vocal harmonies and instrumental prowess. Tonight they are joined by versatile local Americana singer-guitarist **James Bourland.** 7-10 p.m. \$10. **Sept. 13: Jason Dennie & Grant Flick.** Acoustic bluegrass & Americana duo of mandolinist Dennie and fiddler-guitarist Flick. 6:30-7:45 p.m. \$20. **Sept. 13: James Bourland & His Ex-Husbands.** Honky-tonk & outlaw country classics by this ensemble led by versatile local rock singer-guitarist Bourland. 9-10:15 p.m. \$20. **Sept. 17: Steve Pichan.** Novi pop-folk singer-songwriter. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. **Sept. 17: "Community Drum Circle."** A hand drum session led by Sundance. Extra drums available. 7-10 p.m. Free. **Sept. 18: Chuchu.** South Lyon singer-guitarist who plays covers and originals in a variety of genres. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. **Sept. 19: Deveau Gauger.** Local blues- and folk-flavored rock singer-guitarist. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. **Sept. 19: Pontiac Trail Blazers.** See above. Tonight they are joined by bassist **John Sperendi.** 7-10 p.m. \$10. **Sept. 20: The Lucky Nows.** Bluesy Americana roots-rock by an ensemble led by veteran Detroit singer-songwriter Jen Cass. 6-7:15 p.m. \$20. **Sept. 20: Gretchen Pleuss & Adam Reifsnnyder.** Acoustic duo of Cleveland pop-folk singer-songwriter Reifsnnyder, and Pleuss, a local singer-songwriter who writes songs that are both emotive and smart. 8:30-9:45 p.m. \$15. **Sept. 24: Derek Jones.** Local singer-guitarist who covers songs from a variety of genres. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. **Sept. 24: Open Mic.** See above. Hosted by Annie Bacon & Forrest Hejkal. Sign-up starts at 6:30 p.m. 7-10 p.m. \$5. **Sept. 25: Joseph Groele.** Indie folk originals & covers by this young local singer-guitarist. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. **Sept. 26: Wind, Wood and Steel.** Jazz-flavored covers and originals by this local trio. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. **Sept. 26: Pontiac Trail Blazers.** See above. Tonight they are joined by fiddler-mandolinist **Wesley Fritzemeier.** 7-10 p.m. \$10. **Sept. 27: Delta 88.** Classy veteran local country and rockabilly quartet led by singer-songwriter and guitarist Danny Kline. 6:30-8:45 p.m. \$20. **Sept. 27: Schmaltz.** Local klezmer-funk collective with a repertoire of originals and klezmer (the East European Yiddish party music) classics. 9-10:15 p.m. \$20.

Old Town

122 W. Liberty (734) 662-9291
This downtown corner bar features live music the first Sun. of each month, 7-9 p.m. Cover, no dancing. September schedule TBA.

Oz's Music Environment

1922 Packard (734) 662-8283
This storefront next to Oz's Music store features occasional live music. Cover by donation, no dancing. **Sept. 18: Drum Circle.** All invited to drum with renowned local percussionist **Maruga Booker**, who has played with the likes of George Clinton, Jerry Garcia, and Weather Report. 7 p.m. **Sept. 23: "Tree Town Uke Drop-In."** Musicians of all ability levels invited to play ukulele with members of Michigan's oldest ukulele club. 7-9 p.m.

The Ravens Club

207 S. Main (734) 214-0400
This downtown bar & grill features live jazz Sun. 7-10 p.m. \$5 cover, no dancing. **Sept. 7: Bobby Streng Quartet.** Jazz-funk-blues fusion quartet led by local composer-saxophonist Streng. **Sept. 14: Jesse Kramer Trio.** Local jazz ensemble led by drummer Kramer. **Sept. 21: Dave Sharp Worlds Quartet.** Local composer-bassist Sharp

leads this world music-based jazz ensemble that tonight showcases *Catalyst*, their new album of tunes by Gregg Hill, a Lansing jazz composer whose music incorporates ideas from blues and swing that give musicians interesting material with which to improvise. With violinist Henrik Karapetyan, percussionist Mike List, and guest guitarist Elden Kelly. **Sept. 27: "A2 Jazz Fest."** With **Kenji Lee & His Fortune Teller Trio** (8 p.m.), a jazz ensemble led by saxophonist Lee, whose music also draws on Japanese folk music, Western classical music, and punk. Followed by an ensemble led by local pianist **Aya Sekine** (9:30 p.m.) and **Arnold/Jassi/Kramer** (11 p.m.), a local jazz ensemble of guitarist John Arnold, bassist Pathe Jassi, and drummer Jesse Kramer. **Sept. 28: "A2 Jazz Fest Jam Session."** Hosted by the **Jesse Kramer Trio** (see above).

Rumpus Room

506 N. Main, Chelsea (734) 616-6646
Music room inside Jet's Pizza features occasional live music, 7-11 p.m. Cover, dancing. **Sept. 6: Gregory Stovetop.** Veteran Chelsea singer-songwriter, a self-styled "riff rock space cowboy" whose influences range from Elvis and Johnny Cash to Soundgarden and The Replacements. Opener: **TV Blackout** (see Blind Pig). **Sept. 12: Jerry's Tone.** Grateful Dead tribute band. 8-11:30 p.m. **Sept. 19: Mark Lavengood Trio.** Ensemble led by this bluegrass-oriented singer-songwriter and multi-instrumental string virtuoso who has lately been focusing on the dobro.

Sam Hill

5827 Jackson Rd. (877) 325-6439
This restaurant hosts live music on an outdoor stage most Wed.-Sat. (6-9 p.m.), with a DJ set on either Sat. or Sun. (4-7 p.m.). No cover, dancing. **Sept. 4: Dusty D'Annunzio.** Soulful blues-inflected folk-rock by this singer-songwriter & guitarist from Windsor (Ontario). **Sept. 5: Judy Banker Band.** Local country-folk ensemble led by veteran singer-songwriter and guitarist Banker. **Sept. 6: Paddock.** Detroit-area alt-rock singer-songwriter. **Sept. 12: Mike Gentry.** Local folk-rock singer-songwriter. **Sept. 13: Miranda & The M80s.** Lansing-based 80s cover band. **Sept. 18: Jeremy St. John.** Rock covers by this Detroit-area singer-guitarist. **Sept. 19: Shaun Garth Walker.** Local singer-guitarist with an eclectic, wide-ranging repertoire. **Sept. 20: Paper Covers Rock.** Young Mount Clemens rock cover band. **Sept. 25: Sugartips Duo.** Detroit-area acoustic postpunk rock cover duo. **Sept. 26: Steve Taylor Three.** Acoustic trio led by Lake Orion Americana singer-songwriter Taylor. **Sept. 27: Joe Hassell.** Detroit blues-rock singer-songwriter & acoustic guitarist.

Tap Room

201 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti (734) 482-5320
This popular downtown Ypsilanti tavern features live music Thurs. and occasional Fri. & Sat. 9 p.m.-midnight. No cover, dancing. **Every Thurs.: Open Mic.** All musicians invited. Hosted by singer-guitarist Brian Brickley.

Ypsi Alehouse

124 Pearl, ste. 100, Ypsilanti (734) 487-1555
This brewpub features live music Tues.-Sat. 7-9 p.m. & Sun. 2-4 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Sept. 4: "Songwriters in the Round."** With local singer-songwriters **Milan Seth, Clint Lavens, and Chris McGorey.** **Sept. 5: Pearl Street String Band.** Versatile acoustic quartet whose repertoire includes traditional jigs, reels, waltzes, and airs from Irish, French-Canadian, New England, and Southern/old-time sources, and more. 4:30-6:30 p.m. **Sept. 5: Steve Somers & Friends.** Jazz & blues standards by an ensemble led by WCC jazz guitar instructor Somers. **Sept. 6: Scott Fishkind & Steve Pichan.** Double bill. Fishkind is a local jazz-influenced singer-songwriter & guitarist, and Pichan is a Novi singer-songwriter. 4:30-6:30 p.m. **Sept. 6: "Feminine Energy."** Performances by local female singer-songwriters TBA. Hosted by Alaina Lemon and Sara Lambert. **Sept. 9: Open Mic.** All acoustic musicians invited. Hosted by Skinned Knees. 6:45 p.m. **Sept. 10: Twist of Fate.** Local band that plays an eclectic mix of rock, folk, blues and country. **Sept. 11: Pittsfield Open Band.** Veteran local ensemble that plays old-time American and Irish dance

tunes. **Sept. 12: Hayden Carruth.** Ypsilanti singer-guitarist who plays old-time country, blues, Appalachian, and Celtic music. 4:30-6:30 p.m. **Sept. 12: Mt. Hope Rd. Munch** (MI) lo-fi Americana garage band. Openers: the Ypsilanti experimental stoner rock trio **Cattywampus**, the Ypsilanti alternative rock trio **Head Full of Ghosts**, and local singer-guitarist **Mallory Wayt.** **Sept. 13: Mark Williams Trio.** Local jazz ensemble led by pianist Williams and featuring vocalist **Judi Williams.** 4:30-6:30 p.m. **Sept. 13: Eric Shore & Friends.** An eclectic mix of classical, jazz, and soul music by this ensemble led by local pianist Shore. **Sept. 13: Backbeat Manifesto.** Local jam band whose music draws on funk, soul, and jazz. 9:30-11:30 p.m. **Sept. 14: Steve Somers & Friends.** See above. **Sept. 16: Open Mic.** All acoustic musicians invited. Hosted by singer-songwriter Phil McMillion. **Sept. 17: Deep Steam.** See Zal Gaz. **Sept. 18: Focus: Jazz.** Mainstream jazz by the local trio of keyboardist Jeff Fessler, saxophonist Jeff Kopmanis, and bassist Will van Kampen. **Sept. 20: Irish-ish.** Traditional Irish music and Irish pub songs by this trio of members of the Malty Taskers. **Sept. 20: Fangs & Twang.** Ypsilanti trio of Black Jake & the Carnies members that plays twangy, high-energy country rock, with songs about vampires, mummies, and other fantastical creatures. 9:30-11:30 p.m. **Sept. 21: Ann Arbor/Ypsi Acoustic Jammers.** All singers and acoustic musicians invited for an open mic followed by an hour of jamming. Participants welcome to bring chord-and-lyric sheets of any well-known song for the jam. **Sept. 23: Open Mic.** All acoustic musicians invited. Hosted by Skinned Knees. **September 24: Mike and the Ride.** Rock originals and covers. **Sept. 25: McLaughlin's Alley.** Detroit Irish-tinged pop-rock quintet fronted by sibling singer-songwriters Tina and Maureen Paraventi. **Sept. 26: Bark's Tales.** Folk-rock originals and occasional covers by local singer-songwriter Michael Snyder-Barker. **Sept. 26: Hard Candy.** Local rock band that covers lesser-known bands and deep cuts, along with some familiar hits. 9:30-11:30 p.m. **Sept. 27: Ron Shelton.** Americana country-rock and folk-rock covers by this local singer-guitarist. 4:30-6:30 p.m. **Sept. 28: Steve Somers & Friends.** See above.

Zal Gaz Grotto

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This Masonic social and service club features live music Sun. 5-8 p.m., Mon. 7-11 p.m., Tues. 5-7 p.m., Wed. 6-8 p.m., & Thurs.-Sat. 8-11 p.m. Cover, dancing. The venue features a full bar and a kitchen that serves California- & Colorado-inspired progressive Mexican food. **Every Sun.: Phil Ogilvie's Rhythm Kings.** Local 10-piece big band led by tubaist Chris Smith that specializes in the old-time big band music of the late 1920s and early 1930s associated with Jelly Roll Morton and King Oliver. **Every Mon.** (beginning Sept. 8): **Paul Keller Orchestra.** Award-winning 14-piece big band led by bassist Keller and featuring vocalist Sarah D'Angelo and occasional guest vocalists. Also, each week features a middle set by a guest college student ensemble. **Every Tues.: Easy Street Jazz Band.** Early jazz classics from Scott Joplin and Bessie Smith to Louis Armstrong and beyond by this veteran local septet led by trombonist Terry Kimura. **Sept. 4: Indie Rock Royalty.** An eclectic mix of covers and originals by this local quartet. **Sept. 5: Jerry Mack & the Terraplanes.** Veteran local band led by singer-guitarist Mack that plays a mix of houserocking blues, uptown swing, soulful R&B, and roots rock, along with a few Motown songs. With vocalist-percussionist Eddie Harding, guitarist Pete Bullard, keyboardist Jim Merte, saxophonist-percussionist Willie Rankins, bassist Al Kalaf, and drummer George Eberhard. **Sept. 6: Ferrario.** Pop, rock, and blues by this local quintet that's fronted by vocalist Carrie Ferrario. **Sept. 11: Deep Steam.** Ypsilanti quartet that plays jazz, rock, and soul covers, along with some originals. **Sept. 12: Outbound Packard.** A mix of rock and alt-country covers and originals by this local band led by guitarist Dave Buehrer (aka Paledave). **Sept. 13: Lady Sunshine & the X Band.** Popular local gospel-flavored blues band led by Lady Sunshine, a fiery, rich-voiced singer whose style blends elements of Aretha Franklin, Koko Taylor, and Denise LaSalle. The band's latest CD is *Big Sexee*. **Sept. 18: Prior Art.** A mix of originals and 60s-90s rock covers

by this local quintet that tonight is joined by 2 guest vocalists, saxophonist Tommy King and electric ukulele player Michael Anderson. With vocalist Doug Wachna on sax and keyboards, guitarist Alan Balkany, bassist Ryan Matthews, drummer Alan Warmanen, and percussionist Lawrence Krass. **Sept. 19: Been There Done That.** Local synth-heavy self-styled "Gen-X Jukebox" trio that plays 80s-era alt-rock and synth-pop covers. Features a computerized light show and a video wall backdrop. **Sept. 20: TBA.** **Sept. 25: The Velvet Walrus.** Local dance band with a huge repertoire of classic, New Wave, and modern rock hits. **Sept. 26: Ralph McKee Blues & Soul Project.** Energetic, sophisticated blend of danceable soul, blues, and rock by this band led by Hoodang bassist McKee. With harmonica player Tim Douthit, guitarist Randy Lear, keyboardist Brian Mangino, and drummer Greg Lytle, along with several guest vocalists and guitarist Kip Godwin on some tunes. **Sept. 27: Blue Custers.** Local rock band.

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206 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti
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This downtown Ypsilanti coffeehouse-bar features live music Tues.-Sat. and occasional Sun. & Mon. 8-11 p.m. Cover (usually), dancing. **Sept. 2: "Open Jazz Jam."** All jazz musicians & singers invited. Hosted by drummer **John Blanchette.** **Sept. 3: "Gear Lords: A Night in Electronic Music."** Monthly gathering of live electronic production musicians, using beat machines, samplers, modular systems, synths, and similar instruments. **Sept. 4: Frog Island Power Boat.** Ypsilanti rock band. Openers: Detroit indie rock band **Kind of Animal**, Ypsilanti rock trio **Hunter & the HasBeens**, and the Ypsilanti lo-fi rock singer-songwriter **Levi Makula.** **Sept. 6: Adam Snyder.** Local blues-rock singer-songwriter & guitarist. Openers: TBA. **Sept. 9: Alex Koi x Kirin McElwain.** Avant-jazz duo of singer-songwriter & synth player Koi and cellist McElwain. **Sept. 10: The Myriad Project.** U-M music student chamber trio. With oboist Emily Brownlee, bassoonist Donald Schweikert, and Dan Fecteau on electric violin and looping station. Openers: **Cherry Chapstick**, a local quintet whose music mixes R&B, alt-rock, and pop, and **My Salamander** (see North Star Lounge). **Sept. 11: "A Night of Comedy & Music."** Performances by local stand-up comics **Alex Bradley, Shelly Smith, Lisa Green, Whitney McDunn, and Mines Barot**, along with music by **The Missing Cats**, a local jazz fusion ensemble, and **Pillow Princess**, a Detroit-area all-female hardcore band. **Sept. 12: Same Eyes.** Local synth-pop duo. Openers: **Bandue and Fling ii**, a local neo-krautrock band. **Sept. 13: "734 Saturdays."** Open mic, along with a featured performer TBA. Sign-up starts at 7 p.m. **Sept. 16: Dug Trio.** Local jazz ensemble of pianist Mick Hanson, bassist Zach Sommerfeld, and drummer Sam Melkonian. **Sept. 17: TBA.** **Sept. 18: Jeremiah Mack & the Shark Attack.** Ypsilanti acoustic postpunk pop-rock trio. **Sept. 19: Phased Out.** Detroit indie rock band. Openers: **Virga**, an Ypsilanti psychedelic surf-rock quartet, and **Goodyhead**, an Ypsilanti indie shoegazer trio that refers to its music as "down 'n' out rock." **Sept. 20: Kyle Kipp.** Veteran Ypsilanti punk singer-guitarist. Openers: TBA. **Sept. 22: John Root.** Introspective indie rock by this Blind Liars frontman. Openers: the Ypsilanti postpunk garage rock band **Basket Case**, the local indie rock band **Big Noon**, and **Confusion Reactor**, an experimental psychedelic Ypsilanti band led by guitarist and electronic musician Thomas Barton. **Sept. 23: Porterfield.** Brooklyn-based jazz-rock quartet. Openers: **Toadally**, a local indie rock band, and **Kind of Animal** (see above). **Sept. 25: The Last War.** Detroit rock band. Openers: TBA. **Sept. 26: TBA.** **Sept. 27: Normal Park.** Veteran Ypsilanti punk quartet that tonight celebrates the release of a new CD. Openers: the Detroit lo-fi indie rock band **Ness Lake**, the Warren alt-rock band **Loudfoxcuss**, and the Ypsilanti emo-punk band **Martomatic.** **Sept. 30: "Edgefest Warmup."** With an avant-jazz ensemble led by multi-instrumental reeds player Piotr Michalowski, a retired U-M Near Eastern studies professor. Other members are cornetist Ken Kozora, keyboardist Kenn Thomas, guitarist Shoshke-Rayzl Yuni, and mezzo-soprano Deanna Relyea.

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Recurrent events are listed only on the date of their first occurrence, except for performing arts, which are always listed on each day they occur. Thus, the first week of each month will always contain information about events throughout the month.

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- Email: events@aaobserver.com
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What gets in?

We give priority to Ann Arbor entertainment and other leisure events, but we also list activities elsewhere in Washtenaw County deemed of interest to our readers.

Please submit materials as early as possible; items submitted after the 10th might not be included in the print calendar but will be added to our online calendar at annarborobserver.com. Due to space limitations, many listings, especially for weekday daytime and recurrent events, appear only in the online calendar.

1 MONDAY (LABOR DAY)

★“Independence Lake Gravel Ride”: Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. Every Mon. Slow/moderate-paced 23-mile ride to Independence Lake on mostly dirt roads. See aabts.org for weather cancellations or delays. 9 a.m. sharp, meet at Old St. Patrick Catholic Church, 5671 Whitmore Lake Rd. Free. (412) 302-9960.

★“Mystery and Mysterium”: First Presbyterian Church. Mystery writers Madeline Lindvall Radman and Michael Lindvall, the former First Presbyterian head pastor, discuss writing and the intriguing relationship between mystery fiction, Christian

faith, and scripture. The two have collaborated in writing the mystery novels *Ashes to Ashes*, *Earth to Earth*, and *Dust to Dust*. 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church sanctuary, 1432 Washtenaw Ave. Free. (734) 662-4466, firstpresbyterian.org.

U-M Men's Soccer vs. Bowling Green. The U-M also has a home game this month against MSU (Sept. 26, 6 p.m.). 2 p.m., U-M Soccer Stadium, 2250 S. State. \$10 & \$12. (734) 764-0247, mgoblue.com.

★Group Ride: Ann Arbor Velo Club. Every Mon. Moderate-paced 20-mile ride to Dexter and back, often with a rest stop along the way. Riders must wear a helmet and bring water and supplies to fix a flat tire. 6 p.m. (nonmembers must come 10 minutes early to sign a club

waiver), Barton Nature Area. 1010 W. Huron River Dr. Free. annarborveloclub.org.

★Group Runs: Ann Arbor Running Company (AARC). Every Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Sat. (different AARC locations). Runners of all abilities invited to join a 5K mapped route (Mon. & Thurs.), an interval-based training run (Tues.), or a beginner or advanced group run (Sat.). 6 p.m. (Mon.), Corner Brewery, 720 Norris, Ypsilanti; 6 p.m. (Tues.) & 7 a.m. (Sat.), AARC Downtown, 209 S. Ashley; & 6 p.m. (Thurs.), AARC Colonnade, 901 W. Eisenhower. Free. annarborrunningcompany.com.

★“Monday Migration Evenings at Matthaei”: Washtenaw Bird & Nature Alliance. Every Mon., Sept. 1–Oct. 27. WBNA member James Weir leads a leisurely stroll along approximately 2 miles of Matthaei's well-maintained dirt paths, looking and listening for birds during their southward migration. Birders of all skill levels welcome. 6–8 p.m., meet at the U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens building front entrance, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. washtenawbna.org.

★Drop-In Knitting: Spun. Every Sun.–Thurs. (different times). All invited to work on their knitting, crochet, weaving, and embroidery projects. 6–8 p.m. (Mon.–Thurs.) & 1–3 p.m. (Sun.), Spun, 401 N. Fourth Ave. Free. (734) 780-7867.

Magic: The Gathering: Sylvan Factory. Every Mon.–Wed., Fri., & Sat. All invited to play both casual and tournament forms of the collectible card game Magic: The Gathering (MTG). Mon. (6:30 p.m.): Just Another Modern Monday. Three rounds using powerful cards, for experienced players, with prizes. \$10. Tues. (6:30 p.m.): MTG Pauper. A fun and fast format for all skill levels, three rounds. \$5. Wed. & Sat. (5 p.m.): Casual Commander Night. A drop-in session of the most popular form of the game. Free. Wed. (6:30 p.m.): MTG Standard Showdown.

Three rounds, with competitive tournament rules, prizes of store credit. \$10. Fri. (6:30 p.m.): Friday Night Magic. Cost and format vary. Various times, Sylvan Factory, 2459 W. Stadium. Various costs. (734) 929-5877, sylvanfactory.com.

★Group Runs: A2 Runners. Every Mon., Wed., & Sun. Runners of all abilities invited to join a beginner or advanced 3-to-5 mile group run, followed by socializing at a downtown coffee shop. 6:30 p.m. (Mon. & Wed.) and noon (Sun.), meet at the Kerrytown clock tower. Preregistration requested at meetup.com/a2runners. Free. stevesttn88@gmail.com.

★Comedy Show: The Blind Pig. Every Mon. Performances from up to 15 aspiring stand-up comics from around the state. Local comics emcee. Age 21 and up only. Free candy. 8–9:30 p.m., the Blind Pig, 208 S. First St. Free. (734) 996-8555.

2 TUESDAY

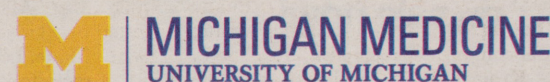
★Ann Arbor Group Runs: Fleet Feet. Every Tues., Wed., & Sun. Runners of all abilities invited to join a run of 3–5 miles along varying routes from different locations. Rain or shine. 7 a.m. (Tues.) & 8 a.m. (Sun.), Dozer Coffee, 112 Jackson Plz., and 7 p.m. (Wed.), Fleet Feet, 123 E. Liberty. Free. (734) 929-9022 (Sun. & Tues.) & (734) 769-5016 (Wed.). fleetfeetsemichigan.com.

★“Investigate Labs”: U-M Museum of Natural History. Every Tues.–Sun. All age 6 and up invited into the museum's Nature Lab and Micro Worlds Lab to use scientific tools and museum specimens to answer questions and solve problems. 11 a.m.–3 p.m., U-M MNH, 1105 North University. Free. (734) 764-0478.

Duplicate Bridge: Ann Arbor City Club. Every Tues., Thurs., & Fri. All invited to play ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge (Tues. &

Michigan Medicine intends to solicit assistance from the Department of Defense's Innovative Readiness Training Program (IRT). The assistance will include partnership with the Air National Guard to perform cybersecurity missions; providing real-world training for its personnel while simultaneously enhancing the cybersecurity posture of communities.

The proposed assistance will take place in Ann Arbor in 2026. Contractors, labor unions, or private individuals who have questions or who wish to voice opposition to military assistance for this project may contact **Greg Sieg from Michigan Medicine Information Assurance at 734-936-4900** or **Ask-Cybersecurity@med.umich.edu** no later than thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice. Persons not filing comments within the time frame noted will be considered to have waived their objections to military assistance for this project.



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★**Michigan Marching Band Practice.** Every Mon.–Thurs. (except Sept. 1). The U-M's highly disciplined 200+ member marching band or sections thereof can be seen and heard practicing on the new Elbel field, across the street from the old Elbel field. All welcome to find a spot in the bleachers and get a sneak preview of upcoming halftime shows. Rehearsals usually last 1–2 hours. 4:45 p.m., new Elbel Field, Hill at Fifth Ave. Free. (734) 764–0582.

★**Ann Arbor Area Scrabble Club.** Every Tues. All invited to play the classic word game, using the 5th-edition Scrabble dictionary. Bring your own set, if you like. 5–9 p.m., Arbor Brewing Company Corner Brewery, 720 Norris St., Ypsilanti. Free. burrbarr7@hotmail.com, meetup.com/ann-arbor-scrabble-meetup.

★**"Dog and Suds Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** Every Tues. Moderate-paced ride, 20 to 30 miles, along the less-traveled roads west and north of Chelsea. See aabts.org for weather cancellations or delays. 6 p.m. sharp, meet at Aberdeen Bike and Outdoors, 1101 Main, Chelsea. Start location occasionally changes; see aabts.org. Free. (734) 678–8297.

★**"Folk Song Jam Along": Ann Arbor District Library.** Lori Fithian and Jean Chorazyczewski lead this family-friendly sing-along. Lyrics and chords are projected so all can play together to familiar folk and pop songs. Participants welcome to bring their own acoustic instruments. 6–7:30 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek, 3090 E. Eisenhower. Free. folksongjamalong@gmail.com.

★**Sewing Lab: Ann Arbor District Library.** Sept. 2, 15, & 29. All invited to get basic sewing help with unfinished projects or learn how to use the AADL sewing machines. Bring your own sewing machine, if you wish. No experience necessary. Also, local crafter Amber Adams-Fall demonstrates hemming (Sept. 2) & patch pockets (Sept. 15) and sewing instructor Rae Hoekstra discusses button holes (Sept. 29). 6–7:30 p.m., AADL Downtown, Secret Lab. Free. (734) 327–4200.

★**"Tour de Dirt": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** Every Tues. 20- to 35-mile ride along Chelsea-area dirt roads. See aabts.org for weather cancellations or delays. 6:15 p.m., meet at Aberdeen Bike and Outdoors, 1101 Main, Chelsea. Free. For each week's route, email scimitargs@gmail.com.

★**Tuesday Night Workouts: Ann Arbor Track Club.** Every Tues. Runners of all skill levels, age 14 & up, invited to participate in short, intense interval workouts. Arrive at 6:20 p.m. to warm up. 6:30 p.m., Ferry Field, 1150 S. State. Visitors free; \$30/year membership for regular participants. Preregistration required at aatrackclub.org/interval-workouts.

★**"Perspectives on the Greatest Generation": Gerald Ford Presidential Library.** Talk by historian Garrett Graff, author of *The Devil Reached Toward the Sky: An Oral History of the Making and Unleashing of the Atomic Bomb* and *When the Sea Came Alive: An Oral History of D-Day*. 6:30–8 p.m., Ford Library Auditorium, 1000 Beal. Free. (734) 205–0555.

★**U-M Volleyball vs. EMU.** The U-M also has home matches this month against Florida Atlantic (Sept. 5, 7 p.m.), Marshall (Sept. 6, 7 p.m.), Southern Indiana (Sept. 7, 2 p.m.), CMU (Sept. 17, 7 p.m. at Cliff Keen Arena, 616 E. Hoover) and Notre Dame (Sept. 21, 3 p.m.). 7 p.m., Crisler Center (except Sept. 17). \$8 & \$10 (groups of 10 or more, \$3 each). (734) 764–0247, mgoblue.com.

★**"Trivia with Terry": Argus Farm Stop.** Sept. 2 & 16. All invited to form teams to

answer wacky trivia questions from this longtime Aut Bar trivia night emcee. 7–8:30 p.m., Argus, 1200 Packard. Free; food & drink for sale. (734) 997–5448.

★**Tuesday English Country Dance: Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance.** Every Tues. Historical and traditional English dancing to live music. All dances taught and prompted; no partner or experience needed. Wear comfortable clothes and bring clean, flat, nonslip shoes and your own water bottle. First-timers asked to arrive at 6:45 p.m. 7–9:30 p.m., Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse. Suggested donation: \$8 (students, \$4; kids age 13 and under with caregiver, free). (734) 665–7704, aactmad.org/english-country.

★**Huron Valley Harmonizers Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.** Every Tues. Singers of all genders invited to join this rehearsal. 7–8:45 p.m., Interfaith Center, 704 Airport Blvd., ste. 1. Free to visitors (annual dues for those who join). (734) 796–7467, info@hvharmonizers.org, tinyurl.com/hvharmonizers.

★**Ann Arbor Camera Club.** Sept. 2 & 16. Club members share their projected digital slides (Sept. 2) and prints (Sept. 16) on various topics, including this month's assignment, "Dawn or Dusk." 7–9 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1501 W. Liberty. Free. a2camclub@gmail.com, annarborcameraclub.org.

★**"Alehouse Poets Open Reading": The Theater Shop.** All invited to read an original short poem, or a favorite from another writer. Listeners welcome. Sign-up starts at 6:30 p.m. 7–8:30 p.m., Ypsi Alehouse, 124 Pearl, ste. 100, Ypsilanti. Free. facebook.com/thetheatershop.

★**The Moth StorySLAM: U-M Michigan Public.** Sept. 2 & 16. Open mic storytelling competition sponsored by the Moth, the NYC-based nonprofit storytelling organization. Ten storytellers are selected at random from among those who sign up to tell a 3- to 5-minute story on tonight's theme, "Underdog." Stories are judged by 3 people recruited from the audience. Winners compete in a semiannual GrandSLAM. Seating limited; arrive early. 7:30–9 p.m. (doors open and sign-up begins at 6:30 p.m.), the Blind Pig, 208 S. First St. Tickets \$15 general admission in advance only at themoth.org beginning 3 weeks before event. patricia@themoth.org.

★**Contemporary Directions Ensemble: U-M Music School.** Jayce Ogren directs this music grad student ensemble in a program highlighted by contemporary American composer Terry Riley's 1964 minimalist masterpiece *In C*, a guided improvisation in which the musicians repeat a series of 53 melodic fragments. Note: The local Terpsichore Collective performs a dance to a live performance of *In C* on Sept. 30 (see listing). 8 p.m., U-M Moore Bldg. McIntosh Theatre, 1100 Baits. Free. (734) 764–0583.

3 WEDNESDAY

★**"Fall Kickoff 2025": U-M Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.** A chance to learn about OLLI's 2025–2026 offerings, including lectures, out-of-town trips, study and shared interest groups, and other U-M geriatric community programs. Also, "Paint the Town!," a talk by Ann Arbor Art Center Art in Public director Hanna Kirkpatrick on local outdoor art initiatives. 10 a.m.–noon (doors open at 9:30 a.m.), Washtenaw Community College Towsley Auditorium (Morris Lawrence Bldg.), 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. (734) 998–9351, olli-umich.org.

★**Chime Concert: Kerrytown Market & Shops.** Every Wed., Fri., & Sat. All invited to play one of 200 songs, with melodies transcribed in numbers, on the 17-bell chime's numbered keys. Ambitious players can add chords. Kids welcome. Noon–12:30 p.m. (Fri. & Wed.) & 10:30–11 a.m. (Sat.). Kerrytown Market. Free. ofglobal@aol.com.

★**Ypsi Fine Arts Club: Riverside Arts Center.** Sept. 3 & 17. Local artists show 1 or 2 pieces of their work, some of which may be



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★**Board Game Night: Blom Mead + Cider.** Every Wed. All invited to play popular board games. "Board Game Guru" on hand to answer questions. Use provided games or bring your own. 5-10 p.m., Blom, 100 S. Fourth Ave. Free, but purchase of food & drink encouraged. (734) 548-9729, drinkblom.com/events.

★**"West Side Nite Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** Every Wed. Slow/moderate-paced ride, 10 to 30 miles, along the B2B Trail to Hudson Mills Metropark and/or Dexter-Huron Metropark with a possible visit to the Dexter Dairy Queen. This ride is a favorite with newcomers and casual riders. See aabts.org for weather cancellations or delays. 5:30 p.m. sharp, meet at Forest Lawn Cemetery parking lot, corner of Broad & Grand, Dexter. Free. (734) 426-5116.

★**"[Art]roductions and [Art]breakers": Ann Arbor District Library.** U-M creative writing professor Jon Holland leads a series of short collaborative visual art, writing, and performance exercises in which participants are encouraged to let go of inhibitions and simply create and get to know one another. 6-7 p.m., AADL Downtown, lower level. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**"Archipelago": Literati Bookstore.** WSU creative writing professor Natalie Bakopoulos, a U-M grad, is joined by local writer Julie Buntin to discuss her new novel, a haunting meditation on the slippery borders of nations, languages, and middle age. It's about an unnamed narrator, on her way to a translation residency on the Dalmatian coast, who has an unsettling encounter with a man on a ferry, which sets off a series of strange events. 6:30 p.m., Literati, 124 E. Washington. Free. (734) 585-5567.

★**"Quakers: Who Are We?": Ann Arbor Friends Meeting.** Sept. 3 & 17. A small group of local Quakers answers questions and discusses their beliefs and practices. 7-8 p.m., Friends Meeting House Corner Rm., 1420 Hill or via Zoom at tinyurl.com/aafm-zoom. Free. annarborfriends.org.

Ann Arbor Bridge Club. Every Wed. All invited to play friendly, competitive ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge. Arrive 20 minutes early if coming solo. Call before coming to check that the game is being held. 7-10:30 p.m., Walden Hills clubhouse, 2114 Pauline east of Maple. (Park in marked spaces in the lot on the north side of Pauline.) \$6 per person. (734) 945-6021.

★**"Baseball Hall of Famers Who Served": Michigan Flight Museum Historic Presentation Night.** Talk by former National Baseball Hall of Fame Assistant Curator Steve Mrozek. 7:30-9 p.m., YAM, Willow Run Airport (off Ecorse from Beck Rd. via I-94 exit 190), Ypsilanti. \$10. Preregistration recommended at miflightmuseum.org/events. (734) 483-4030.

★**"Wednesday Night Swing": Swing Ann Arbor.** Every Wed. Lindy Hop, East Coast swing, Charleston, and Balboa dancing to music spun by DJs. No partner needed. Wear comfortable low-grip shoes. Preceded at 6:30 p.m. by a free beginner lesson. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Michigan League Vandenberg Rm. swingannarbor.com/calendar. \$5 (free for members) at the door.

★**Open Rehearsal: The Arbor Consort.** Every Wed. All singers invited to rehearse with this semi-professional a cappella ensemble that performs Renaissance and Victorian-era music in period dress. The official madrigal group of the Michigan Renaissance Festival. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Dixboro United Methodist Church, 5221 Church Rd. Free. thearborconsort.org.

★**Visitors Night: Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club.** The chance to see trains whizzing around on a big, elaborate layout, housed in

a depot restored by the club. 7:30-10 p.m., Michigan Central depot, 3487 Broad, Dexter. Free. info@aamrc.org.

★**Depot Town Open Mic Comedy Night.** Every Wed. Stand-up comedy open mic emceed by local comic Lisa Green. All age 18 and up welcome to come listen, or sign up for 5-minute sets starting at 7 p.m. 7:30-10:30 p.m., 734 Brewing Company, 15 E. Cross St. Free. (734) 340-3468.

4 THURSDAY

★**"Fall Migration in Nichols Arboretum": Washtenaw Bird & Nature Alliance.** Every Thurs., Aug. 28-Oct. 30. WBNA members lead a hike through the Arb to look for fall warblers and other southbound migrants. Birders of all skill levels welcome. 8-11 a.m., meet in the cul-de-sac at the end of Riverview Ct. (off Geddes near the east end of Dow Field). Free. washtenawbna.org.

★**"Cavanaugh Lake Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** Every Thurs. Moderate-paced ride, 20 to 30 miles, along the less-traveled roads west and north of Chelsea. See aabts.org for weather cancellations or delays. 10 a.m. sharp, meet at Cavanaugh Lake County Park, 33 Cavanaugh Lake Rd., Chelsea. Free. kmcguinn@comcast.net, (734) 649-9762.

First Presbyterian Church Mature Ministries Lunch & Learn. Two talks, one before and one after a luncheon. Historian Scott Ellsworth discusses "Midnight on the Potomac: The Last Year of the Civil War, the Lincoln Assassination, and the Rebirth of America" (11 a.m.), and Greenfield Village director Jim Johnson presents "Sneak Peek of the Jackson Home at Greenfield Village" (12:45 p.m.), a talk on the restoration of the Jackson family home, opening in 2026, where Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. stayed and strategized during the 1965 Selma marches. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church social hall, 1432 Washtenaw. Free (\$15 for the catered Mexican lunch at noon). Preregistration required by calling (734) 662-4466. fpca2.org/matureministries.

The Healing Feast. A ceremonial outdoor meal with structured conversation on the theme of abundance. Also, performances by local aerial dancer Cassie Catania and Kalamazoo avant-garde folk-soul singer-cellist Jordan Hamilton. A portion of the proceeds benefits the local equitable food system nonprofit Growing Hope. 5-8 p.m., 1133 Maplewood Ave., Ypsilanti. Sliding scale \$0-\$55 in advance only at patreon.com/thehealingfeast. thehealingfeastofconnection@gmail.com.

★**"Introductory Woodcarving: Alligators Two Ways": Ann Arbor District Library.** Sept. 4 & 25 (different times). Adults & teens invited to learn woodcarving basics, then carve a few small alligators to take home. 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Sept. 4) & 2-4 p.m. (Sept. 25), AADL Downtown, Secret Lab. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**"15th Anniversary Celebration": Ground-cover News.** With live music TBA, speeches (6:30 p.m.), and an exhibit of pages from the history of this local street newspaper made and sold by homeless and formerly homeless writers and artists. Food and drink provided. 5:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, 603 E. William St., \$25 in advance only at givebutter.com/gcn15.

★**Carl Phillips: U-M English Department Zell Visiting Writers Series.** This celebrated writer and poet, whose work addresses issues of spirituality, sexuality, mortality, and faith, reads from and discusses his work. His collection *Then the War: And Selected Poems 2007-2020* won the 2023 Pulitzer Prize. Phillips has been described by the *Kenyon Review* as "one of America's most original, influential, and productive of lyric poets." Q&A. Also, tomorrow Phillips gives a free craft lecture (10-11 a.m., Michigan Union Anderson Rm.). 5:30-6:30 p.m., UMMA Stern Auditorium, 525 S. State. Livestream available for both programs at tinyurl.com/zellwriters25.



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FALL 2025 FEATURED EVENTS



CREES DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Putin's Eternal War

Jill Dougherty (BA Russian '70), adjunct professor of Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies, Georgetown University; CNN contributor on Russia

September 9, 5:30-7:00 pm
1010 Weiser Hall, 500 Church St.

WCEE CO-SPONSORED EVENT

Ambassadors Forum. Europe and America: Where Are We and Where Are We Going?

John R. Beyrle, U.S. Ambassador to Russia (2008-2012) and Bulgaria (2005-2008); Rose Gottemoeller, NATO Deputy Secretary General (2016-2019); Ronald E. Neumann, U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan (2005-2007), Bahrain (2001-2004), and Algeria (1994-1997); Catherine A. Novelli, U.S. Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment (2014-2017)

September 15, 4:00-5:30 pm
Betty Ford Classroom 1110, Weill Hall, 735 S State St.
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Student-Led Direct Democracy in Serbia's Hybrid Regime

Gazela Pudar Draško, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade

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★**Bad Decisions Track Club.** Every Thurs. Runners of all abilities invited to join this eclectic group of runners ranging from people training for their first 5K to ultramarathoners. Sessions are typically interval-based track workouts, followed by socializing at a nearby brewery. 6 p.m. Ferry Field, State at Hoover (may meet elsewhere if the weather is bad). Free. See walline.wixsite.com/bdtc to sign up for email updates on each week's workout.

★**"Repairsday Thursday": All Hands Active.** Every Thurs. All invited to drop in with broken electronics, furniture, toys, or any other item they'd like to try to repair or repurpose with the help and guidance of AHA members. AHA's goal is to empower everyone to explore, learn, and repair things. Repairs not guaranteed. 6-8 p.m., AHA, basement of 255 E. Liberty, ste. 225. Livestream available at meetup.com/allhandsactive/events. Free; donations welcome. info@allhandsactive.org.

★**Fiber Arts Drop-In: Dzanc House.** Sept. 4 & 18. All invited to join in crocheting, knitting, embroidering, etc. 6-9 p.m., Dzanc House, 402 S. Huron St., Ypsilanti. Free. dzanchouse.org.

★**"AI Regulation: If, What, and How": U-M Institute for Data & AI in Society.** Talk by U-M data science advisor and lecturer Merve Hickok, president of the Center for AI and Digital Policy (Washington, D.C.). 6-7:30 p.m., U-M Dana Bldg., rm. 1040, 440 Church St. Free, but preregistration required at midas.umich.edu/news-events/events, midas-contact@umich.edu.

★**"Couching Stitch Embroidery: Stitch Building": Ann Arbor District Library.** Adults & teens invited to learn how to embroider an oak leaf design using a simple couching stitch. 6-7:30 p.m., AADL Pittsfield, 2359 Oak Valley. Free. (734) 327-4200.

Robin Wall Kimmerer: Literati Bookstore. This bestselling writer and ecologist, author of the award-winning *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*, reads from and discusses *Bud Finds Her Gift*, her new picture book that draws on her Potawatomi heritage to tell the story of a young girl who sees the freely given gifts of the Earth and wonders what she can give back. 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 120 S. State. \$22 (includes a copy of the book) in advance only at literatibookstore.com. (734) 585-5567.

★**Annual Members Show and Tell: Huron Hills Lapidary & Mineral Society.** Club members show and discuss choice specimens from summer rockhounding adventures. Guests always welcome. 7 p.m., West Side United Methodist Church social hall, 900 S. Seventh. Free. (734) 665-5574.

★**Live Trivia: Bløm Mead + Cider.** Every Thurs. Bløm staffers lead 2 rounds of trivia. Teams or single players welcome. Prizes. 7 & 8 p.m., Bløm, 100 S. Fourth Ave. Free, but purchase of food & drink encouraged. (734) 548-9729, drinkblom.com/events.

★**"Draft Line Improv": Hear.Say Brewing + Theater.** Long-form pieces performed by improv students. 7-8 p.m., HSBT, 2350 W. Liberty. \$7.50 in advance at heardotsay.com/events and (if available) at the door. hello@heardotsay.com.

★**"Comedy Jamm": Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase.** Every Thurs. Performances by up to 12 aspiring and established area stand-up comics. Alcohol is served. Doors open at 6:30

p.m. Also, on Sept. 4, the event is preceded by "Comedy Nerdz Happy Hour" (5:30-6:30 p.m.), where attendees have the opportunity to mingle with the comics before they hit the stage. 7:15 p.m., 212 S. Fourth Ave. \$5 in advance at aacomedy.com; \$6 at the door. (734) 996-9080.

Pub Quiz: Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub. Every Thurs. Popular weekly trivia fest. Come with a team of up to 6 people. Prizes. 7:30 p.m. or so, Conor O'Neill's, 318 S. Main. \$5 team fee that goes to the winning team. (734) 665-2968.

Critton Hollow String Band Concert: Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. The Paw Paw (WV) trio of acoustic multi-instrumentalists—the husband-and-wife team Joe & Sam Herrmann and Joe Fallon—has played concerts and festivals across the U.S., Canada, and the UK since 1975. With fiddle, hammer dulcimer, banjo, and guitar, they play traditional to contemporary Appalachian music with "precise instrumentation, melodic interplay, and three-part harmony to create a warm and engaging sound," according to WPSU-FM (Penn State). 7:30-9:30 p.m. Gretchen's House, 1580 Dhu Varren, \$15-\$20 suggested donation cash, check, or Venmo at the door. (734) 274-0773.

★**"Along the Road to Freedom Project: Part 1": Kerrytown Concert House.** This KCH project shines a light on the Black history of the Kerrytown District, dating to the late 1800s. Tonight's event explores the "Great Migration" (the mass movement of Black folks from the rural South to urban areas in the North) through a performance by the **Marion Hayden Legacy Ensemble**, a group led by renowned Detroit bassist Hayden. The multimedia program features music by J. Rosamond Johnson, Billy Taylor, and members of the ensemble, interspersed with readings of work by Langston Hughes, James Weldon Johnson, and others. 7:30 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Tickets \$30-\$40 (students, \$20-\$30) in advance at kerrytownconcerthouse.com and (if available) at the door. (734) 769-2999.

★**"Say What?" Comedy Open Mic: Hear.Say Brewing + Theater.** Every Thurs. Stand-up comedy open mic hosted by local comics Ned Rice and Jeff Teed. All age 18 and up welcome to listen or sign up for 6-minute sets starting at 7:30 p.m. 8-10 p.m., HSBT, 2350 W. Liberty. Free, but preregistration advised at heardotsay.com/events. hello@heardotsay.com

★**"Pop-Up Comedy": Don't Tell Comedy Show.** Both the lineup of stand-up comics and the location are not revealed until the day of the show. Age 21 and up. BYOB snacks and beverages. Doors open 30 minutes before showtime. 9 p.m., Ann Arbor downtown outdoor rooftop location. Tickets \$30 in advance only at donttellcomedy.com/cities/ann-arbor.

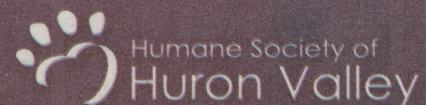
5 FRIDAY

★**Lane 9 Women's Running Group.** Every Fri. All men & women invited to join this women-focused running group on a 3-mile loop run. All paces (including running/walking) welcome. 6:45 a.m., meet outside Argus Farm Stop, 1600 Packard. Free, preregistration required by emailing lane9project@gmail.com. lane9project.org.

★**"Olson Park Gravel Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** Every Fri. Slow/moderate-paced 18-mile gravel road ride with a rest stop at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. See aabts.org for weather cancellations or delays. 9 a.m. sharp, meet at Olson Park, 1515 Dhu Varren. Free. (412) 302-9960.

Annual Used Book Sale: American Association of University Women. Sept. 5-7. Sale of thousands of books in over 60 categories, as well as DVDs. Proceeds support academic scholarships. Preview (\$20) on Friday 8-10 a.m. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.) & 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (Sun.), Washtenaw Community College (Morris Lawrence Bldg.), 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free admission and parking. annarbor-mi.aauw.net.

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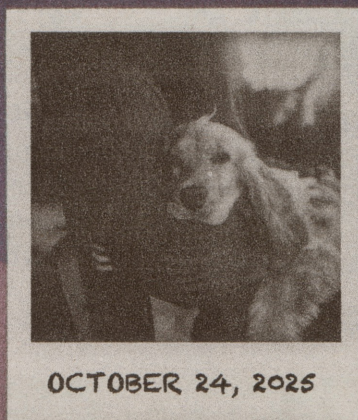


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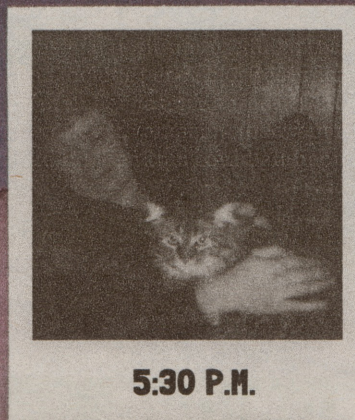
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"NTG's Big 10! A Decades-Themed Fundraiser": Neighborhood Theatre Group. Party to celebrate the 10th season of this local company that describes its productions as "theatre from scratch." Attendees encouraged to come dressed as their favorite decade. Costume contest and drawings with prizes. Food & cash bar. Music by **Levana**, a pop-rock trio of NTG actors, and DJ **That.Harpy**. 5-11 p.m., Ziggy's, 206 W Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Tickets from \$20 in advance at ticketstripe.com/ntgbig10 and at the door. ntgypsi.org.

"The Bones & The Bees Artisan Market": Holy Bones Events. Quirky market featuring off-kilter handmade arts and crafts by local artisans inspired by bees, honey, and other pollinators both real and fantastical. With food vendors. 5-9 p.m. Ypsilanti Freighthouse, 100 Market Pl., Ypsilanti. Free admission.

D&D Adventurers League: Sylvan Factory. Every Fri. All invited to play the current official campaign of the popular Dungeons & Dragons tabletop role-playing game, using 5th-edition rules. Kids under 13 must have parent or guardian accompaniment. 6-10 p.m., Sylvan Factory, 2459 W. Stadium. \$10. Space limited, preregistration strongly recommended at sylvanfactory.com/events, (734) 929-5877.

★**"Geology Hike: Life on Earth": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** WCPARC naturalist Shawn Severance leads a hike through a gravel pit filled with interesting finds. Surrounded by boulders formed eons ago, the site offers a glimpse of the unfolding of life from single-celled organisms to the emergence of humans in an unbroken thread. 6-8 p.m., Fox Science Preserve, 2280 Peters Rd. Free. Preregistration required (space limited) at washtenaw.org/registerparks. Email questions to severances@washtenaw.org.

★**"Make (Almost) Anything a Keychain": Ann Arbor District Library.** Adults & teens invited to use small power tools and hand tools to drill holes in random objects, then connect them to make a keychain to take home. 6-7 p.m., AADL Downtown, Secret Lab. Free. (734) 327-4200.

First Friday Shabbat: Jewish Cultural Society. All invited for dinner from a local restaurant, preceded by a brief secular Shabbat observance with songs, candle lighting, and challah & wine rituals. Kids welcome. 6:30-8 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow. \$10 (families, \$25) for nonmembers; members, free. Preregistration required at jewishculturalsociety.org.

★**"Literature's Refuge: Rewriting the Mediterranean Borderscape": Literati Bookstore.** U-M comparative literature professor William Stroebel discusses his new book about the cultural aftermath of the 1923 Greco-Turkish Population Exchange that uprooted and swapped nearly two million Christians and Muslims. 6:30 p.m., Literati, 124 E. Washington. Free. (734) 585-5567.

★**"Is AI Changing Who We Are?": U-M Artificial Intelligence Lab/Ann Arbor District Library Friday Night AI.** U-M AI Lab faculty and students discuss how AI might reshape our cognition, relationships, and daily lives. 6:30-7:30 p.m., AADL Downtown. Free. (734) 327-4200.

"First Fridays: Open Hours for Adults": The Creature Conservancy. All age 18 and up invited to meet some animals with amazing super-powers, including a Shire horse, a frilled dragon, a three-banded armadillo, and an African crested porcupine. The presentation begins at 7:30 p.m., weather permitting. Also,

the chance to see the conservancy's other animals. 7-9 p.m., Creature Conservancy, 4950 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. \$15 cash or credit (members, free) at the door only; no longer available online. (734) 929-9324. thecreatureconservancy.org.

Annual Barn Dance: Salem Area Historical Society. Square dancing to live bluegrass, country, and vintage pop by the local **Picks & Sticks Stringband**. Cider and donuts available. Proceeds used to preserve the nearby Jarvis-Stone School and Dickerson Barn. 7-10 p.m., Three Cedars Farm, Six Mile Rd. just west of Curtis Rd. north off North Territorial. \$5 donation (SAHS members, \$3) at the door only. (248) 437-6651.

"Urinetown": Professional Youth Theatre of Michigan. Sept. 5-7. Megan Wright-Jones directs two casts of young local actors in grades 2-12 in Mark Hollmann and Greg Kotis's 1999 musical comedy satire about corporate control, political greed, and the call of nature. Set in the near future, when a water shortage has led to a government control of toilets, the poor revolt for the freedom to pee. Inspired by the collaborative works of Bertolt Brecht & Kurt Weill, the Tony Award-winning musical satirizes capitalism and social irresponsibility. 7 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sat.), noon (Sun.), Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti. Tickets \$20-\$40 in advance only at pytmi.com/tickets.

Nathan Timmel: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. Sept. 5 & 6. Stand-up comic from L.A. known for his edgy observational humor about contemporary culture and politics, as well as marriage and family life. Opening act TBA. Alcohol served. 7:15 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.) & 9:45 p.m. (Sat.), 212 S. Fourth Ave. \$20 at aacomedy.com and (if available) at the door. (734) 996-9080.

Third Coast Swing: Kerrytown Concert House. This veteran Ludington trio is joined tonight by accordionist Dallas Vietty, clarinetist Chris Tabaczynski, and drummer Pete Siers for a **"Manouche Party"** to explore 1930s Parisian gypsy jazz, characterized by its upbeat tempos, intricate guitar techniques, and spirited tone, often incorporating Romani musical influences. 7:30-9 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Tickets \$30-\$40 (students, \$20-\$30) in advance at kerrytownconcerthouse.com and (if available) at the door. (734) 769-2999.

Friday Night Improv: Hear.Say Brewing + Theater. Every Fri. Performance by **Eleven Non-Blondes**, the house team of experienced improvisers. 7:30-9 p.m., HSBT, 2350 W. Liberty. \$15 in advance at heardotsay.com/events or \$18 (if available) at the door. hello@heardotsay.com.

★**"Animal Ditties": U-M Music School Faculty Recital.** U-M tuba professor **David Zerkel**, accompanied by pianist Liz Ames, performs a family-friendly program of animal-themed music highlighted by the premiere of contemporary American composer Jim Stephenson's tuba suite *The Further Adventures of Effie the Elephant*. With narration by Jason Fettig and projected original illustrations by Tim Zerkel. 8 p.m., U-M Moore Bldg. Britton Recital Hall, 1100 Baitz, North Campus. Free. (734) 764-0583.

Rhyta Musik: Rancho Tranquilico. Local 7-piece Balkan brass band whose music is sprinkled with New Orleans funk flavors and traditional dancing. BYOB and a chair. No tobacco products or pets. 8 p.m. (doors, 7:30 p.m.), Rancho Tranquilico barn, 11300 Island Lake Rd., Dexter. Parking is in neighboring Ruhlig's Country Market driveway. \$25 payable via Venmo: @schweizerwoodwind. Preregistration required; space limited. (734) 223-2321, treemore13@gmail.com.

Riverside Swings: Riverside Arts Center. Every Fri. Swing dancing to recorded music. No partner or experience needed. Wear comfortable low-grip/tread shoes. Preceded by hour-long lessons at 7 and 8 p.m. The 1st Friday of each month is free, and the 3rd Fridays include a Charleston lesson. 9-11 p.m., RAC, 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti. \$5 (students,



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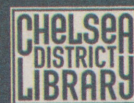
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6 SATURDAY

★ **parkrun USA.** Every Sat. All invited to join a timed but noncompetitive 5K run/walk. 8 a.m., Lillie Park South at the northeast corner of the soccer fields, 4365 Platt. Free, but first-timers are requested to preregister at parkrun.us/lillie and arrive at 7:45 a.m. lillie@parkrun.com, facebook.com/lillieparkrun.

★ **"Annual Fall Migration Walk at Hudson Mills Metropark":** Washtenaw Bird & Nature Alliance. Club member Karen Markey leads a hike through one of the county's birding hotspots. Binoculars available to use. 8-11 a.m., meet at the Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center flagpole, 8801 North Territorial, Dexter. Free, but \$10 vehicle entrance fee. washtenawbna.org.

★ **"Dexter/Chelsea Saturday Morning Breakfast Ride":** Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. Every Sat. Moderate-paced ride, 20 miles or more, to Dexter and beyond. Pack something to eat or stop in Dexter or Chelsea for coffee or breakfast. Note: Riders should be prepared to take care of themselves on all AABTS rides. Carry a water bottle, a spare tire or tube, a pump, a cell phone, and snacks. See aabts.org for weather cancellations or delays. 8 a.m. sharp, meet at Barton Nature Area parking lot, W. Huron River Dr. near Bird Rd. Free. mkmcguinn@comcast.net, (734) 649-9762.

★ **"Renters' Rights in Michigan":** The Washtenaw County Democratic Party. Panel discussion by Washtenaw County Prosecuting Attorney Eli Savit and other panelists TBA. 9:15 a.m., Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center, 4135 Washtenaw. Also via Zoom at washtenawdems.org/calendar. Free.

★ **"Morning Music @9:29":** Northside Community Church. Sept. 6 & 20. Local pianist-organist Kathryn Goodson & friends perform classical music TBA. Coffee & refreshments. 9:29 a.m., Northside Community Church, 929 Barton Dr. Free. kgoodson@umich.edu.

★ **"Take a Hike":** Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation/Shades of the Outdoors. Tips for safely enjoying the trails, followed by a short group hike in Stapp Nature Area. For K-adults. 10-11:30 a.m., AADL Traverwood, 3333 Traverwood. Free. aadl.org/node/643927.

★ **Farmers Market Performance:** Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. Various Sept. dates. Chamber music performances by small groups of A2SO musicians. Ann Arbor Farmers Market, Sept. 6 (10-11:30 a.m.), Farmers Market Pavilion, Kerrytown. Ypsilanti Farmers' Market, Sept. 6 & 13 (10-11:30 a.m.), 400-698 Rice St., Ypsilanti. Dexter Farmers Market, Sept. 13 (10-11:30 a.m.), 3233 Alpine, Dexter. Saline Farmers Market, Sept. 20 (10-11:30 a.m.), 100 S. Ann Arbor St., Saline. Various times and locations. Free. (734) 994-4801, a2so.org/farmers-markets.

Plant Show & Sale: Michigan Cactus & Succulent Society/Southeast Michigan Bromeliad Society. Sept. 6 & 7. Show and sale of bromeliads, cacti, succulents, and air plants. Advice from expert growers. Also, a sale of growing supplies and books. Many vendors are cash only. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free admission; metered parking. mbgna.umich.edu/events, (734) 647-7600.

Country Fair: Wiard's Orchards. Every Sat. & Sun., Sept. 6-Oct. 26 and Wed.-Fri., Sept. 17-Oct. 31. A carnival atmosphere with a variety of family-oriented fall activities on this family farm, including wagon rides, a petting

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★**“Sticker Scenes”**: Ann Arbor District Library. Adults and kids age 5 & up invited to create scenes using stickers. 11 a.m.–noon, AADL Malletts Creek, 3090 E. Eisenhower. Free. (734) 327-4200.

One-Year Anniversary Party: Hear.Say Brewing + Theater. Sept. 6 & 7. Comedy shows and live music TBA, a silly 0.1K race, more. Noon–10 p.m., HSBT, 2350 W. Liberty. Ticket price and agenda TBA at heardotsay.com/events. hello@heardotsay.com.

★**“Creature Encounters”**: The Creature Conservancy. Every Sat. & Sun. Conservancy staffers show off some animals who have amazing “super-powers” (1 & 4 p.m.), including a Shire horse, a frilled dragon, and a three-banded armadillo. Also, an animal keeper talk about the African crested porcupine (2 & 3 p.m.), and a chance to see the conservancy’s other animals. Noon–5 p.m., Creature Conservancy, 4950 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. \$15 (kids ages 2–12, \$13; under age 2, free) cash or credit at the door only (no longer available online). (734) 929-9324. thecreatureconservancy.org.

Critter House Open Hours: Leslie Science & Nature Center. Every Sat. & Sun. (except Sept. 14). A chance to view LSNC birds of prey and its Critter House animals, which include frogs, turtles, snakes, and other species native to Michigan. Noon–3 p.m., LSNC, 1831 Traver. \$5 suggested donation. lesliesnc.org. (734) 997-1553.

U-M Museum of Natural History Planetarium & Dome Theater. Every Tues.–Sun. (except Sept. 1–5). Three different audiovisual planetarium shows suitable for all ages, including the new *T. Rex* (noon), an exploration of the iconic dinosaur’s scientific and cinematic history that contains scenes of dinosaur violence. Also, *The Sky Tonight* (1 & 3 p.m.) is an exploration of the current night sky, with tips on how to find the cardinal directions, constellations, and planets on your own, and *Tales of the Maya Skies* (2 p.m.) immerses viewers in the wonders of Mayan science, examining how Mayan scholars developed a sophisticated understanding of astronomy, architecture, and mathematics. Noon, 1, 2, & 3 p.m., U-M MNH, 1105 North University. \$8 at the gift shop. Limited capacity. (734) 764-0480, umnh.org.

★**“Out of the Water and Back Again: A Whale’s Tale”**: U-M Museum of Natural History Discovery Demos. Every Sat. & Sun. Hands-on 20-minute family-oriented demo for ages 5 and up about the evolutionary history of whales and what the museum’s fossil whales and other related species reveal. 12:30 & 2:30 p.m., U-M MNH, 1105 North University. Free. (734) 764-0478, umnh.org.

★**Michigan Rugby Football Club vs. Flint**. The U-M city team (which includes townies as well as U-M grad students, faculty, and staff) also has a home game this month vs. Tri City (Midland) on Sept. 13. 1 p.m., Wall Park, 7401 Platt. Free. michiganrugby.org.

★**Museum Highlight Tours: U-M Museum of Natural History**. Every Sat. 30-minute tour of the museum’s exhibits and galleries, as well as an introduction to some current U-M Biological Sciences research projects. 1:30 p.m., U-M MNH, 1105 North University. Free. Limited capacity. Sign up at the welcome desk. (734) 764-0478.

Fall Garden Walk: Ann Arbor Farm & Garden. Tour of an extensive private garden on 7 acres of lakefront property featuring an orchard, a prairie, perennial beds, an inground dahlia bed, cutting and vegetable gardens, and a shade garden. 1–4 p.m., 7691 Ellen’s

Way; please park along Frains Lake Rd. \$5 (free for members) cash only at the gate. annarborfarmandgarden.org.

★**“Situational Awareness & Personal Safety”**: Ann Arbor District Library. Peaceful Organization for Wellbeing, Empowerment, and Resilience member Jan Krist and Kitsune Defense founders Emily & Paul Musolf demonstrate some basic self-defense techniques. 2–3 p.m., AADL Westgate, 2503 Jackson Ave. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**“Urinetown”**: Professional Youth Theatre of Michigan. See 5 Friday. 2 & 7 p.m.

Drop-In Improv Games: Ypsi Improv. Every Sat. All age 16 and up invited to learn about and participate in improv games in a fun, relaxed, and judgment-free setting. No experience necessary. 2–4 p.m., Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti. Tickets \$8–\$10 (spectators, free) in advance via PayPal or Venmo linked from meetup.com/ypsi-improv or in cash at the door.

★**Pittsfield Open Band: Ann Arbor Community for Traditional Music and Dance**. Sept. 6 & 20. Jam session open to all musicians interested in working on jigs, reels, and waltzes to have fun, learn tunes, and develop contra dance music skills. All instruments welcome. Bring the Ruffwater Fakebook, the Portland Collection, and the Waltz Books if you have them. 3–5 p.m., Pittsfield Union Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Mask optional (see policy at aactmad.org). Free. (734) 709-8748.

★**“Art Auras Drop-in”**: Ann Arbor Art Center (A2AC). All invited to collaborate in a take-home portrait of themselves by choosing a background for a drawing by a skilled sketch artist. The whole process takes under 15 minutes. 5–7 p.m., A2AC, 117 W. Liberty. \$15. annarborartcenter.org.

★**“Silent Disco”**: Ann Arbor District Library. Dance party with tunes spun by local electronic musician Ki5 and transmitted to dancers’ headphones (provided). 5:30–7:30 p.m., AADL Downtown, 4th fl. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**Summer Concert Series: Broken Branch Ranch**. Outdoor performance by The Outfit, a Flint-based bluegrass quintet with a repertoire of original tunes and “grass-ified” covers of the likes of Jimi Hendrix, John Prine, & Bob Marley. Opener: Local acoustic soul singer & guitarist Al Bettis. Attendees encouraged to bring their own camp chairs, blankets, & coolers. Final show of the season. 6–9 p.m., 6090 Plymouth Rd. Free; tips accepted. facebook.com/a2brokenbranch.

Comedy Mystery Dinner Show: The Dinner Detective Ann Arbor. Sept. 6 & 27. Dinner served while actors masquerading as fellow diners enact a comical murder mystery in which actual audience members may find themselves a prime suspect. 6:30–9 p.m., Ann Arbor Marriott, 1275 S. Huron St., Ypsilanti. \$70 includes gratuity; preregistration required at thedinnerdetective.com. (866) 496-0535.

★**“Full Moon Campfire”**: Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy. All invited to enjoy a family-oriented campfire (the final one of the season) in one of the largest conservancy-owned nature preserves in southeast Michigan. Bring blankets, chairs, and campfire refreshments; locally cut firewood appreciated. No pets. Come early to walk the trails if you like. 7–10 p.m., LeFurge Woods, 2452 N. Prospect (½ mile north of Geddes), Superior Twp. Free, donations welcome. amctaggart@smcland.org. (734) 484-6565.

Nathan Timmel: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 5 Friday. 7:15 & 9:45 p.m.

★**“The Noise Came from Here: A Homage to the Old West Side”**: U-M Dance Department. Sept. 6 & 7 (different times & locations). U-M dance grad student Kiana Cook directs fellow dance students in her original choreography inspired by stories of residents of Ann Arbor’s historically Black Old West Side, developed through conversations with members of the Dunbar Tower Community Leadership Council. 7:30 p.m. (Sat.), Dance Performance

Studio, 1000 Baits, North Campus & 3 p.m. (Sun), Wheeler Park, 200 Depot. In event of rain, the Sunday performance is also held in the dance Performance Studio. Free. Limited capacity for Sat.; tickets available in advance at smt.d.umich.edu/events and (if available) at the door. No tickets required for Sun. (734) 764-0583.

First Saturday Contra: Ann Arbor Community for Traditional Music and Dance. With Traverse City caller Pat Reeser and music by the Pittsfield Open Band. All dances taught; no partner needed. Bring clean shoes for dancing. Beginners’ intro at 7 p.m. 7:30–10:30 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. \$10–\$12 suggested donation. aactmad.org/contra. (734) 274-0773.

★**“Unearthing Three American Composers”**: U-M Music School Faculty Recital. Guest violinist Zenas Hsu and pianist Sookkyung Cho perform works by lesser-known American composers, including Gilded Age composer Clara Kathleen Rogers’s Sonata for Piano and Violin, Michigan-born composer Ulric Cole’s 1927 Sonata for Piano and Violin, and 2 art song arrangements or poems by early 20th-century composer Rubin Goldmark, “Ode” and “I Have Done, Put By the Lute.” 8 p.m., U-M Moore Bldg. Britton Recital Hall, 1100 Baits, North Campus. Free. (734) 764-0583.

Jess Merritt: Rancho Tranquillico. A soulful-voiced local singer-songwriter whose music draws on jazz, classical, pop, and R&B idioms to sustain lyrical journeys of self-discovery. BYOB and a chair. No tobacco products or pets. 8 p.m. (doors, 7:30 p.m.), Rancho Tranquillico barn, 11300 Island Lake Rd., Dexter. Parking is in neighboring Ruhlig’s Country Market driveway. \$25 payable via Venmo: @jess-oberholtzer. Preregistration required; space limited. treemore13@gmail.com. (734) 223-2321.

★**“Moth Night at the Arb”**: Washtenaw Bird & Nature Alliance. All invited to join members of the U-M Entomology Club in a “moth party,” hanging sheets lit with UV lights across Dow Prairie to attract different moth species. Trails are uneven, so bring a headlamp or flashlight if you have one, and please wear dark clothing. 8–11 p.m., Nichols Arboretum, meet at the Dow Prairie entrance. Free. washtenawbna.org.

Saturday Night Improv: Hear.Say Brewing + Theater. Every Sat. A House Team creates characters and a scenario suggested by the audience. 8:30 p.m., HSBT, 2350 W. Liberty. \$10–\$15 in advance at heardotsay.com/events or \$12–\$18 (if available) at the door for one show. \$20 (\$22 at the door) for both shows. hello@heardotsay.com.

7 SUNDAY

Annual Turner’s Trot 5K: U-M American Student Dental Association. 5K run/walk. Prizes for 1st male & female finishers. Raffle. Proceeds benefit the Ryan Turner Memorial Scholarship Fund. Turner was a U-M dental student. 9–noon a.m., Gallup Park, 3000 Fuller Rd. \$25. Preregistration required by 8 a.m. Sept. 7 at tinyurl.com/um-turner-trot.

★**“Innovather”**: Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. U-M Society of Women Engineers members lead hands-on engineering and design activities for all ages. 10 a.m.–noon, AAHOM, 220 E. Ann. \$16 museum admission (babies under 2, free). discoverscienceandnature.org/aahom. (734) 995-9439.

★**“Elemental Ecstatic Dance”**: Our Play Ground. Every Sun. Dancers of all ages and abilities invited for free-form dancing. Flow toys, hula hoops, and other props provided. Wear loose clothes, barefoot or stocking feet. 11 a.m.–1 p.m. A2 Yoga, 2030 Commerce Blvd. \$20 (age 13 and under, free) cash or Venmo (@andjru) at the door only. andjru@yahoo.com, bit.ly/ecstatic-dance-a2.

★**Mah-jongg Open Play: Ann Arbor District Library**. All invited to drop in and play this Chinese tile game. Mah-jongg sets and instructions provided. 11 a.m.–1 p.m.,



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★**"Rally Day": Northside Community Church.** Annual family-friendly party featuring games & refreshments. With live music by the church's Chancel & Bell Choirs, trumpeter Anne Daws-Lazar, pianists & organists Eden West & Kathryn Goodson, cellist Thor Sigurdson, and others. 11 a.m., Northside Community Church, 929 Barton. Free. ncca2.org, (734) 649-7948.

★**H.A.C. Ultimate.** Every Sun. All invited to a relaxed pick-up game of this spirited team sport played with a flying disc. Note: Overly competitive players are politely asked to leave. 11:15 a.m., Fuller Park, just west of the pool & parking lot (or occasionally across the street). Free. hac-ultimate@googlegroups.com, (734) 846-9418.

Contact Improv. All invited to try this interactive, free-form dance style that involves a rolling point of contact between two or more people through which dancers give and share weight. No partner required; beginners welcome. Preceded at 10:30 a.m. by a lesson. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Gretchen's House, 2340 Oak Valley. \$15 (\$25 includes lesson). Preregistration required at tinyurl.com/a2-contact-imp-su2025. caragraninger@gmail.com.

★**"Urinetown": Professional Youth Theatre of Michigan.** See 5 Friday. Noon.

★**Open Board Games: Sylvan Factory.** Every Sun. All invited to play one of a wide variety of board games in a casual, friendly atmosphere. Instruction provided. Also, on Sept. 7, game playtesting with Michigame Design Lab (2 p.m.), during which players are invited to try out new board and card games from local designers Bruce Bielawa & Joe Hopkins and provide feedback. Noon-6 p.m., Sylvan Factory, 2459 W. Stadium. Free. info@sylvanfactory.com.

★**U-M Field Hockey vs. Bellarmine.** The U-M also has home matches this month against MSU (Sept. 19, 6 p.m.) and James Madison (Sept. 21, 1 p.m.). 1 p.m., Ocker Field, 1202 S. State. Free. (734) 764-0247, mgoblue.com.

U-M Women's Soccer vs. Youngstown State. The U-M also has home games this month against USC (Sept. 18, 7 p.m.), UCLA (Sept. 21, 1 p.m.), and Minnesota (Sept. 28, 1 p.m.). 1 p.m., U-M Soccer Stadium, 2250 S. State. \$8 & \$10. (734) 764-0247, mgoblue.com.

★**52nd Anniversary Jamboree: Dawn Farm Benefit.** Bounce houses, hayrides, pony rides, farm tours, face painting, clowns, farm animals, and carnival games. With live music TBA, food trucks, silent auction, and sale of gifts. 1-6 p.m., Dawn Farm, 6633 Stony Creek Rd., Ypsilanti. Free admission. dawnfarm.org, (734) 485-8725.

★**"Fall Garden Tour": The Good Thyme Garden Club.** Walking tour of the 13 gardens at Arbor Hospice, which include ponds, an herb garden, a monarch butterfly way station, a pollinator garden, and other gardens, with a gardener on hand to answer questions. Accessible walking paths. Also, a project for kids. A portion of the proceeds goes to Arbor Hospice. 1 p.m., Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Dr. \$10 suggested donation at the gate only. infoAAGTGC@gmail.com.

★**Shape Note Singing: Ann Arbor Sacred Harp.** All invited to join an afternoon of shape note, or sacred harp, singing, an early American form of communal hymn singing. Songbooks available, but singers are encouraged to bring their own. 1-4 p.m., the Ark, 316 S. Main. Free. For information, email cawolfe@umich.edu or call (734) 478-3394 or (734) 995-2519.

★**Letterpress Open Lab: Ann Arbor District Library.** Sept. 7, 16, & 26 (different times). All

adults invited to learn the basics of letterpress printing with movable type. 1-3 p.m. (Sept. 7) & 5-7 p.m. (Sept. 16 & 26), AADL Downtown, Secret Lab. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**"Walking with Whales Tour": U-M Museum of Natural History.** Every Sun. Thirty-minute tour that uses the museum's specimens to tell the story of prehistoric whales and dolphins, who had 4 limbs and walked on land. 1:30 p.m., U-M MNH, 1105 North University. Free. Limited capacity. Sign up at the welcome desk. (734) 764-0478.

★**Sunday Drop-In Tour: U-M Kelsey Museum of Archaeology.** Sept. 7, 21, & 28. Docent-led tours exploring "Greek and Roman Mythology" (Sept. 7), "Ancient Scripts, Scribes, and Writing Materials" (Sept. 21), and "Walk with an Egyptian: A Journey Through Time" (Sept. 28). 2-3 p.m., Kelsey Museum, 434 S. State. Free. (734) 764-9304.

★**"Writing Through Play": Ann Arbor District Library.** Local writer and publishing expert Brandi Larsen discusses how to work with peers to improve a story. 2-4 p.m., AADL Westgate, 2503 Jackson Ave. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**DJ Workshop: Ann Arbor District Library.** A chance for teens and adults to learn the basics of mixing & beat-matching and get hands-on experience with industry-standard equipment. 2-3 p.m., AADL Downtown, 4th fl. Free. (734) 327-4200.

International Folk Dance Party: Ann Arbor Community for Traditional Music and Dance. Sept. 7 & 21. Traditional Eastern European and Middle Eastern circle and line dancing to recorded music. No experience or partner needed. Wear loose-fitting clothing and clean, flat, nonslip shoes. Beginners welcome. Preceded at 2 p.m. by a lesson. 3-5 p.m., Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse. Pay what you can (\$5 suggested; first time, free). bsagan@msu.edu.

River Raisin Ragtime Revue: Zion Lutheran Church. This Tecumseh-based orchestra performs music of well-known ragtime era figures, including Scott Joplin, Irving Berlin, and George M. Cohan, as well as the works by composers with Michigan roots. 3 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1501 W. Liberty. \$30 in advance at ragtimeband.org/events & at the door.

★**"The Noise Came from Here: A Homage to the Old West Side": U-M Dance Department.** See 6 Saturday. 3 p.m.

Pinball Tournament: Pinball Pete's. Sept. 7 & 21. Players of all ages and skill levels invited to play 8 games of pinball for International Flipper Association points and other prizes. 5 p.m. (registration opens at 4:45 p.m.; ask for Ryan at the glass desk), Pinball Pete's, 1214 South University. No entry fee; \$1 per game. michiganflippers.com.

★**"Beginning Bikepacking": Bicycle Alliance of Washtenaw.** BAW members discuss planning and packing for camping by bike. 5:30-7 p.m., Sic Transit Cycles, 1002 Pontiac Tr. Free. Preregistration required at bikewashtenaw.org/events/beginner-bikepacking-workshop.

★**Indian Classical Music with Sugata Chatterjee: Ann Arbor District Library.** Local Hindustani classical vocalist Chatterjee, accompanied by percussionist Amit Chatterjee, discusses and sings a variety of melodious evening ragas. 6-7 p.m., AADL Downtown, lower level. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**"Extra Credit": Hear.Say Brewing + Theater.** Performance by experienced improvisers that blends three 10-minute academic lectures on topics TBA by U-M researchers with three 10-minute improv comedy sets. 6:30-7:30 p.m., HSBT, 2350 W. Liberty. \$15 in advance at heardotsay.com/events and \$18 (if available) at the door. hello@heardotsay.com.

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★**“The UnClub”: The Theater Shop.** Sept. 7 & 21. Performances by aspiring and experienced comics attending former *Tonight Show* staff writer Chili Challis’s comedy dojo. The humor is appropriate for adults. 7:30 p.m., the Ypsi Alehouse, 124 Pearl, ste. 100, Ypsilanti. Free. facebook.com/unclubshow.

Blou Reed: Rancho Tranquillo. Young local jazz sextet, led by tenor saxophonist Elvin Sharp, that plays funky original compositions along with classics from the hard-bop and post-bop catalog. BYOB and a chair. No tobacco products or pets. 7:30 p.m. (doors, 7 p.m.), Rancho Tranquillo barn, 11300 Island Lake Rd., Dexter. Parking is in neighboring Ruhlig’s Country Market driveway. \$15 payable via Venmo: @elvinsharpmusic. Preregistration required at treemore13@gmail.com; space limited. (734) 223–2321.

8 MONDAY

★**Weekly Rehearsal: Women’s Chamber Chorus.** Every Mon. (except Sept. 1). All invited to join this 30-member local women’s community chorus to sing an eclectic program in four parts, including classical, folk, Broadway, pop, and jazz. Joshua Marzan directs. Eden West accompanies. 9:30–11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw, rear ground level. Free to visitors (dues for those who join; scholarships available). annringia@gmail.com.

★**“The Science of Social Relationships”:** U-M Psychology Department Fall Seminar Series. Sept. 8, 15, 22, & 29. Talks by resident and visiting scholars. Sept. 8: **“Leveraging Modern Technology to Better Understand Relationships from Beginning to End.”** U-M social psychology professor Annie Gordon discusses the study of romantic relationships. Sept. 15: **“Friendship and the Supra-Dyadic Nature of Challenges in Close Relationships.”** UCLA social psychology professor Jaimie Arona Krems discusses challenges to friendships from outside the friendship. Sept. 22: **“An Examination of Co-Rumination as a Dyadic Social Emotion Regulation Strategy.”** Ohio University social psychology professor Brett Peters on the benefits and costs of intense, exhaustive intimate discussions. Sept. 29: **Topic TBA.** With University of Southern California clinical psychology professor Darby Saxbe. 3:30–5 p.m., 1430 U-M Institute for Social Research, 426 Thompson. Free. (734) 764–2580.

★**“Artificial Intelligence: How We Got Here, How It Works, and What It Means for Our Understanding of the Human Mind”:** U-M Psychology Department/Ann Arbor District Library. Talk by U-M psychology professor Richard Lewis. 6–7:30, AADL Downtown. Free. (734) 327–4200.

★**“A Fiber Art Gathering”:** Ann Arbor Fiber Arts Guild. Guild members Juniper Wolfenbarger, Robin Wilt, Anne Flora, and Marla Smith display their work and discuss the processes and materials they use. Techniques include weaving, felting, mixed-media, paper, and fiber. The evening begins with social time. Guests welcome. 6:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 2nd fl. gathering rm. (elevator access), 1501 W. Liberty. Free. annarborfiberarts.org.

★**“Emerging Writers Workshop: Book People”:** Ann Arbor District Library. Local editor Alex Kourvo and young adult novelist Bethany Neal discuss sidekicks, mentors, and other supporting characters. Also, Kourvo and Neal host an open house for writers to connect with one another and/or work on their projects at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 22. 6:30–7:45 p.m., AADL Westgate, 2503 Jackson Ave. Free. (734) 327–4200.

★**“The Age of Surveillance Capitalism: The Fight for a Human Future at the New Frontier of Power”:** Literati Bookstore Grassroots Book Club. All invited to join a discussion, led by Literati manager Clarisse Jorah, of Shoshana Zuboff’s 2020 book about

how powerful corporations seek to predict and control human behavior. 6:30 p.m., Literati, 124 E. Washington. Tickets \$5 (can be redeemed for store credit) in advance only at literatibookstore.com. (734) 585–5567.

★**Large Ensemble Meeting: Ann Arbor Recorder Society.** Beginning and advanced players of the recorder and other early instruments invited to play Renaissance and other early music, directed by Janet Cannon. Bring your own music stand. 7–9 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church basement music rm. (enter by the back door), 1501 W. Liberty. First meeting free (annual dues \$95). a2recordersociety.org.

★**Season Kickoff/New Members Night: Out Loud Chorus.** Singers of all levels invited to get a preview of the coming season and participate in a rehearsal of this chorus of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their friends to see if they’d like to join. Snacks. 7–9:30 p.m., Ypsilanti First United Methodist Church, 209 Washtenaw. Free. outloudchorus@gmail.com.

★**“Darwin’s Stained Glass and Antique Slot Machines”:** Chelsea Area Historical Society. Talk by Bill Darwin, the owner of this unique business. 7 p.m., Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St., Chelsea. Suggested donation \$10 (CAHS members, free). Preregistration requested by contacting (734) 476–2010 or president@chelseahistory.org.

★**“Private Aaron Bromley, Monroe County, and the 102nd U.S. Colored Troops”:** Ann Arbor Civil War Round Table. Talk by Austin Ingall, a 16-year-old Temperance (MI) amateur Civil War historian who in May secured a Monroe military marker for Bromley, who fought with the First Michigan Colored Infantry Regiment. 7 p.m., Trinity Health (old St. Joe’s) Administrative Bldg. Education Center Exhibition Rm., 5305 Elliott Dr. Free. jfepperson@gmail.com, aacwrt.org.

★**Tartan and Thistle Scottish Country Dancers.** Every Mon. (except Sept. 1). Learn to dance jigs, reels, and strathspeys. All dances taught. Usually with live music by Susie Lorand, Josh Burdick, and friends. 7:30–9:30 p.m., call (734) 274–0773 for location. \$10 suggested donation (first evening free). (734) 474–7299.

★**Scandinavian Music Jam.** Sept. 8 & 22. Bruce Sagan leads an acoustic jam session devoted to traditional music from Sweden and Norway. All instruments welcome, no experience necessary. 7:30–9:30 p.m., in person or virtual TBA. For location, email bsagan@msu.edu. Free.

9 TUESDAY

★**“The Increasing Costs of Natural Disasters Fueled by Climate Change: Who Pays?”:** U-M Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Alfred Gourdji Distinguished Lecture Series. Talk by Moody’s analyst Sharon M. Gourdji, an environmental scientist with expertise in climate change and natural disaster modeling. First in a series of 4 monthly lectures. 10–11:30 a.m., Washtenaw Community College Towsley Auditorium (Morris Lawrence Bldg.), 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Preregistration required at olli-umich.org. \$90 (members, \$55) for the 4-lecture series. \$25 per lecture (members, \$15). Membership, \$35 a year. (734) 998–9351.

★**U-M Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics Speaker Series.** Sept. 9 & 16. Talks by visiting scholars. Sept. 9: University of North Carolina public policy professor Manuel Schechtel on **“Rising Wealth Concentration and Disparities in Social Outcomes Across the United States.”** Sept. 16: University of California public policy professor Jake Grumbach on **“Old Money: Campaign Finance and Gerontocracy in the United States.”** 10:30 a.m.–noon, Institute for Social Research, rm. 2030, 426 Thompson. Free; preregistration requested at inequality.umich.edu. (734) 763–8316.

★**“Art History in the Afternoon: Auguste Renoir”:** Ann Arbor District Library. Local

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★U-M Wallenberg Institute Samantha Woll Dialogues. Sept. 9 & 30 (different locations). Panel discussions with U-M and visiting scholars. Sept. 9: Zekelman Holocaust Center CEO Rabbi Eli Mayerfeld and Bard College Center for the Study of Hate director Kenneth Stern on "Should Universities Adopt a Definition of Antisemitism?" Sept. 30: U-M political science professor Andrew Murphy and a panelist TBA on "Is Tolerance Enough?" 4-5:30 p.m., Rackham Amphitheatre (Sept. 9) & Michigan Union, Pendleton Rm. (Sept. 30). Free. wallenberginstitute@umich.edu.

★"Putin's Eternal War": U-M Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Distinguished Lecture. Talk by veteran CNN Russia correspondent Jill Dougherty, author of *My Russia: What I Saw Inside the Kremlin*. 5:30-7 p.m., Weiser Hall, rm. 1010, 500 Church St. Free. (734) 764-0351.

"Cheese 101": Zingerman's Deli. Zingerman's Deli staff discuss different styles of cheese and lead a tasting of classic cheese samples. 6-7:30 p.m., Zingerman's Deli, 422 Detroit St. \$45. Preregistration required at zingermansdeli.com/events. (734) 663-3354.

★"Introduction to Fungi and Foraging": Ann Arbor District Library. All invited to learn about the incredible diversity in shape, size, and function within the fungal kingdom, along with the basic steps to locate and identify different mushrooms. 6-7:30, AADL Downtown, lower level. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★Voices in Harmony. Every Tues. (except Sept. 2). Female singers invited to join a rehearsal of this local 40-member a cappella barbershop harmony chorus. 7-9:30 p.m., UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile, Ypsilanti. Free to visitors (dues for those who join). (734) 765-3611, info@voicesinharmonychorus.org.

★"Harvesting": Ann Arbor Backyard Beekeepers. Talk by beekeeper John Donner. Preceded at 6:30 p.m. by a beginners' Q&A session. 7-9 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Also available online at home. Free; metered parking. a2b2club.org.

★German Speakers Round Table. Sept. 9 & 23. All German speakers, native or non-native, invited for conversation. 7:30 p.m., Grizzly Peak Brewing Company, 120 W. Washington. Free admission. (734) 358-1845.

"Comedy Gauntlet": Hear.Say Brewing + Theater. Every Tues. (except Sept. 2). Ninety-second sets by each of 16 area stand-up comics TBA. 8 p.m., HSBT, 2350 W. Liberty. \$15 in advance at crowdwork.com/e/comedy-gauntlet and \$18 (if available) at the door. hello@heardotsay.com.

10 WEDNESDAY

★Dressage Shows: Waterloo Hunt Club. Sept. 10-14. Equine competition combining artistry and technical abilities highlighted by graceful freestyle routines set to music. No pets. Concessions. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Waterloo Hunt Club, 11500 Glenn at Katz (west off Mount Hope Rd. from I-94 exit 150), Grass Lake. Free. info@horseshowoffice.com.

★"Ukrainian Food": Ann Arbor Farmers Market Cooking Demonstration. A cook from the market vendor Ukrainian Homemade Food prepares authentic dishes featuring seasonal produce grown by market farmers. With recipes and samples. 11 a.m.-noon, Farmers Market Pavilion, Kerrytown. Free. a2gov.org/market.

★"Polish Diaspora Identities in Archival Home Movies": U-M Copernicus Center for Polish Studies. University of Warsaw (Poland) cultural history professor Agata Zborowska discusses how she uses home movies and

related oral histories to study the transformation of the Polish American diaspora. Noon-1:20 p.m., 555 Weiser Hall, 500 Church St. Free. (734) 764-0351.

★U-M Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies Speaker Series. Sept. 10, 17, & 24. Talks by U-M and visiting scholars. Sept. 10: "Family Archives and Female Spaces of Intimacy." U-M history professor Kathryn Babayan discusses female friendship in the early modern Islamic world through a 17-century anthology preserved in the library of the Urdubadi family, a household of poets and bureaucrats in Safavid, Iran. Sept. 17: "Labor of Love: The Poor First Son of Bitches." University of Houston history professor Hanan Hammad discusses how industrialization reshaped gender roles, sexuality, and public morality in interwar Egypt. Sept. 24: "Confronting Silence and Invisibility: The Forgotten Genocide in Libya." University of New England (Biddeford, ME) political science professor Ali Abdullatif Ahmida discusses the Italian colonialization of Libya. 2-4 p.m., 555 Weiser Hall, 500 Church St. Free. (734) 647-4143.

"Barn Raiser for the B2B Trail": Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative. Dinner with open beer & wine bar and live music by Djangophonique, a local quartet led by guitarist Andrew Brown that specializes in vintage jazz in the style of gypsy guitarist Django Reinhardt's 1930s Parisian swing. Lawn games. Wine pull, silent auction. Fundraiser for the Border to Border Trail. 5:30-8:30 p.m., Frutig Farms, 8040 Scio Church Rd. \$100 in advance only at tinyurl.com/b2b-barnraiser-2025.

"Suds for the River": Huron River Watershed Council Fundraiser. This festive, laid-back evening features food from area restaurants, mocktails, and craft beers. Dancing to live music by Hullabaloo, a veteran local 9-piece collective whose upbeat, energetic music draws on ska, jazz, funk, punk, and Latin influences. Age 21 & over only. 6-9 p.m., Robin Hills Farm, 20390 M-52, Chelsea. \$150 (members, \$125) in advance only (this event often sells out) at (734) 769-5123 or hrwc.org/suds.

★"Decoding Flavor in Appalachian Varietal Honey": Ann Arbor District Library Taste & Tell. Local writer and fragrance expert Michelle Krell Kydd, creator of the award-winning flavor and fragrance blog Glass Petal Smoke, leads a guided tasting of different monofloral honeys. 6-7:30 p.m., AADL Downtown, 4th fl. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★"Experience Indian Dance and Music": Rasa Festival/Ann Arbor District Library. Veteran local Indian classical dancer Sreyashi Dey is joined by members of the U-M classical Indian dance troupe Michigan Sahana for a lecture-demo on Northern Indian Kathak and Southern Indian Bharatanatyam dances. The Rasa Festival also includes a performance at the Riverside Art Center (see 13 Saturday listing). 6-7:30 p.m., AADL Downtown, lower level. Free. (734) 327-4200.

Figure Drawing: Dzanc House. Sept. 10 & 24. All skill levels welcome to draw a live model. Bring your own art supplies. Light refreshments. 6:30-9 p.m., Dzanc House, 402 S. Huron St., Ypsilanti. \$10 to pay model. Preregistration required by Sept. 8 (or 22) at dzanchouse.org/register-for-events.

★"Native Seeds, a Beginner's Guide to Harvesting": Wild Ones. Matthaei horticulturist Calla Butler discusses the process, ethics, and importance of seed collection and leads a short seed-gathering expedition. 6:30-8 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free; metered parking. a2wildones@gmail.com, annarbor.wildones.org.

★"James Baldwin: The Life Album": Literati Bookstore. U-M American culture professor Magdalena Zaborowska is joined by U-M comparative literature professor Frieda Ekotto to discuss her new biography of this pivotal post-WWII Black fiction



Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative holds its Barn Raiser fundraiser for the B2B Trail on Sept. 10, with music provided by local gypsy jazz ensemble Djangophonique.

writer and essayist. 6:30 p.m., *Literati*, 124 E. Washington. Free. (734) 585-5567.

★**"No Prisoners": Schuler Books.** The renowned Milford poet and essayist **Thomas Lynch**, a retired funeral director, discusses his new novel about an aging embalmer who discovers a new connection to life. 6:30 p.m., Schuler Books, Westgate, 2513 Jackson Ave. Free; preregistration requested at schulerbooks.com/events-ann-arbor. (734) 662-0600.

Bluegrass Jam Circle: Ann Arbor Senior Center. Sept. 10 & 24. All musicians invited to bring their acoustic instruments to play bluegrass-style music. Vocalists welcome. In inclement weather (severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, etc.), the Senior Center closes and the jam is canceled. In very nice weather, the jam may convene outdoors at an earlier time. Please call by 3 p.m. on the day to find out if either is the case. 7-9 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.), Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. \$5. (734) 794-6250, a2blugrass.com.

★**"Community Sing with Matt Watroba": Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth.** Local singer-songwriter and WKAR-FM (MSU) radio folk show host Watroba leads a sing-along of songs from the various branches of American folk music. No experience necessary. 7-8:30 p.m., 704 Airport Blvd., ste. 1. Free. (734) 327-0270, interfaithspirit.org.

Steve Hofstetter: The Blind Pig. Formerly the host of Fox's stand-up showcase *Laughs* and a panelist on the MLB Network's *MLB Now*, this popular comic is known for his satirical social commentary, often about professional sports. 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.), *The Blind Pig*, 208 S. First. \$35 (\$138 includes a preshow meet-and-greet) in advance at blindpigmusic.com, and at the door. (734) 996-8555.

★**"Moisture Mitigation in Your Basement": Pittsfield Union Grange.** Talk by Stay Dry Waterproofing representative Don Jackson. Preceded at 6:30 p.m. by a potluck; bring a dish to pass. 7:15 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. Free. (734) 274-0773.

11 THURSDAY

"India Unveiled": U-M Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Thursday Morning Lecture Series. Every Thurs., Sept. 11-Oct. 16 (except Oct. 2). Series of 5 weekly talks. Sept. 11: Stanford University religious studies professor Elaine M. Fisher on **"The Public Face of India's Religions."** Sept. 18: Wilson Center (Washington, D.C.) South Asia analyst Michael D. Kugelman on **"What to Expect for U.S.-India Relations in Trump 2.0: Convergences & Complications."** Sept. 25: U-M business professor Aneel Karnani on **"Overview of Business and Economics in India."** Oct. 9: Temple University political

science professor Adam Ziegfeld on **"Making Sense of India's Political Landscape."** Oct. 16: Detroit Institute of Arts Asian Arts curator Katherine Kasdorf on **"Sight, Sound, and Scent: Collecting and Presenting South Asian Art at the Detroit Institute of Arts."** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Sept. 11) & 10-11:30 a.m. (all other dates), Washtenaw Community College Towsley Auditorium (Morris Lawrence Bldg.), 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. Preregistration required at olli-umich.org. \$105 (members, \$70) for the 5-lecture series. \$25 per lecture (members, \$15). Membership, \$35 a year. (734) 998-9351.

"A Love Affair with Local Flowers": Ann Arbor Farm & Garden (AAF&G). Presentation by MSU entomology researchers Jen Roedel and Karma Thomas, who colead the MSU Bee Urban Growers (BUG) community-science project. Doors open at 11:30 p.m. for the noon lunch. 1 p.m., Ann Arbor City Club, 1830 Washtenaw Ave. \$5 (AAF&G members, free; \$20 includes lunch). Preregistration required by Sept. 4 at tinyurl.com/aafg-9-11-25.

★**"Painting in Nature": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens.** All invited to learn best practices for successful watercolors with WCC instructor Deb Guidot. Bring your own art supplies. 2-4 p.m., Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free; registration required at mbgna.umich.edu/events; metered parking. (734) 647-7600, mbgna.umich.edu.

★**U-M Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies Lecture Series.** Sept. 11 & 25 (different times). Talks by U-M & visiting scholars. Sept. 11: U-M history professor Kira Thurman on **"Pop after Empire: Disco, Decolonization, and the Re-Making of a Music Industry."** Sept. 25: Hamilton College (Clinton, NY) history professor Mackenzie Cooley on **"The Nature of Spanish Empire."** 4-6 p.m. (Sept. 11) & 4:45-6:45 p.m. (Sept. 25), 1014 Tisch Hall, 435 S. State. Free. (734) 615-7400.

"Barley, BBQ, & Beats Fundraiser": Arbor Hospice. Strolling dinner with live performances by the Detroit-based blues band *Motor City Josh* and *The Ragbirds*, an inventive local band that mixes country-rock with elements of world music, groove rock, and edgy pop. Each ticket includes 3 servings of BBQ and 3 cocktails (extra tokens available for purchase). Sides, vegetarian, and vegan options included. Silent auction. Proceeds support access to hospice care. Age 21+ only. 5-9 p.m., *Revel Run*, 555 S. Dancer Rd., Chelsea. \$65 in advance at arborhospice.org/bbb & \$75 at the door.

★**"Inside the Firings and the Future of the Federal Workforce": U-M Knight-Wallace House Hovey Lecture.** U-M Knight-Wallace fellow **Andrea Hsu**, an NPR labor and workplace correspondent, discusses the consequences of the Trump administration's recent firing of

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★**"An Artist's Journey into the Wild":** U-M Stamps School of Art & Design Penny Stamps Speaker Series. Painter and multimedia artist Catherine Chalmers discusses her work, which strives to connect viewers with the natural world while drawing attention to the dangers of the current Anthropocene (human-dominated) era. Opening today at the Institute for the Humanities Gallery, her exhibit *Conifer Trees, Bark Beetles, and Fire* uses materials gathered from nature (including conifer sap and resin and chunks of burnt trees) to depict the complex ecological relationships between these destructive beetles, wildfires, and trees in the Western United States. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Michigan Theater. Free. (734) 936-0671.

★**Open Mic:** Dzanc House. All invited to share acoustic music, short stories, or poetry. Sign up on arrival. 6-8 p.m., Dzanc House, 402 S. Huron St., Ypsilanti. Free. dzanchouse.org.

★**"Faux Stained Glass":** Ann Arbor District Library. A chance for adults and teens to design a colorful pattern using markers on glass (or use a pre-made design), then add foil to create a gleaming and glinting stained-glass-like effect. 6-7:30 p.m., AADL Pittsfield, 2359 Oak Valley. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**"Singing for Comfort":** Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth. All invited to join a sing-along of soothing songs that are easy to learn. No experience necessary. 7-8:30 p.m., 704 Airport Blvd., ste. 1. Free. (734) 327-0270.

General Meeting: Ann Arbor Ski Club. A chance to learn about the club's upcoming downhill and cross-country ski and snowboarding outings, and other social activities. Followed by **dancing to music** spun by a DJ. Must be 21 or older. 7-10 p.m., UA Local 190, 7920 Jackson Rd. \$10 (members, free). a2skiclub@gmail.com.

★**"Nerd Nite":** Ann Arbor District Library. Adults age 21 & up invited to this popular monthly event featuring three speakers TBA (at annarbor.nerdnite.com) who give fun yet informative 20-minute talks about things that interest them, anything from how a trumpet works to the legacy of Louis Pasteur. 7-9 p.m., LIVE, 102 S. First St. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**"Stevie Wonder Tribute":** The Encore Musical Theatre Company. Sept. 11-14. Local actors and singers Chris Joseph, Gayle E. Martin, Arielle Crosby, and Jason Briggs perform hits from one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century, a pioneering influence across a range of genres including R&B, pop, soul, gospel, funk, and jazz. His use of synthesizers during the 1970s reshaped the conventions of contemporary R&B. Hits include "Superstition," "Living for the City," "My Cherie Amour," and more. The singers are backed by a band. 7 p.m. (Thurs.-Sat.) and 2 p.m. (Sun.); Encore, 7714 Ann Arbor St., Dexter. Tickets \$34-\$56 in advance at theencoretheatre.org & at the door. (734) 268-6200.

Duplicity Improv Jam: Hear.Say Brewing + Theater. All improvisers with some experience are invited to be randomly paired with another improviser to perform a 6-minute scene. Spectators welcome. 7-8 p.m., HSBT, 2350 W. Liberty. \$7.50 in advance at heardotsay.com/events and at the door. hello@heardotsay.com.

★**"Comedy Jamm":** Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 4 Thursday. 7:15 p.m.

★**"Boot Scootin'":** University Musical Society Ypsilanti Freighthouse Residency. All ages invited to take part in country line dancing, with instruction, to recorded country music.

Cowboy boots or other closed-toe shoes and country flair (hats, bandanas, etc.) encouraged. Alcohol for sale. Doors open at 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m., Ypsilanti Freighthouse, 100 Market Pl., Ypsilanti. Pay what you wish. Preregistration required at (734) 764-2538 or ums.org/season.

2025 Michigan Playwrights Festival: Theatre Nova. Sept. 11-14. Readings of new full-length plays by emerging Michigan playwrights. Tonight: Josie Herman directs *I Am a Sword*, veteran award-winning local playwright Joseph Zettelmaier's drama about the recovery and retraining of an Olympic fencer following a brutal assault. 8 p.m. (Thurs.-Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sat.), & 2 p.m. (Sun.). Theatre Nova, 410 W. Huron St. Tickets \$10 (festival pass, \$30) in advance at theatrenova.org/michigan-playwrights-festival & at the door. (734) 635-8450.

12 FRIDAY

★**U-M Clements Library Tour.** Hour-long docent-led tour of the Clements's early American history collection featuring **Bloody Work: Lexington & Concord 1775**, a new exhibit of letters, documents, newspapers, and art highlighting the political and social tensions in the Colonies leading up to the American Revolution. 9 a.m., 11 a.m., & 2 p.m., Clements Library, 909 South University. Free, preregistration required at clements.umich.edu. (734) 649-3370.

Broadway Park West Opening Weekend. Sept. 12 & 14. Today: A ribbon-cutting ceremony (11 a.m.) for the new pedestrian bridge from the Cascades path to Broadway Park West. Also, food trucks (5-10 p.m.) and an outdoor dance party with DJ Joe Hertler. Sept. 14 (10 a.m.-1 p.m.); A bubble machine, bubble performer, and bubble blowing for kids. Ice cream and coffee for sale. Various times, 841 Broadway St. lowertowna2.org.

★**The Street Art Encounter: Main Street Ann Arbor.** Twelve nationally recognized street artists, led by Saginaw muralist John Vasquez, have been invited to paint murals, create large-scale chalk art pieces, and make other artworks this afternoon throughout downtown. Also, live music TBA, participatory art-making opportunities, and more. Noon-8 p.m., all over downtown. Free. mainstreetannarbor.org/street-art-encounter.

★**"Midday Morsel Drop-In Tour":** U-M Kelsey Museum of Archaeology. 30-minute docent-led tour of ancient Mediterranean artifacts in the museum collection. 12:30 p.m., Kelsey Museum, 434 S. State (meet at the Maynard St. entrance). Free. (734) 764-9304.

★**"Bananapocalypse: Un/Making Plantation Capitalism":** U-M Anthropology Department Roy A. Rappaport Lecture. U-M anthropology professor Alyssa Paredes discusses the unmanaged ecologically disastrous side-effects of banana-growing in the southern Philippines. First in a series of 4 monthly lectures on the existential crises that hang over the banana-growing regions of the Southern Philippines. 3-4:30 p.m., 411 West Hall, 1085 South University. Free. (734) 764-7274.

★**"Women's Nature Camp":** Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission. Sept. 12-14. Women age 21 & up invited to join WCPARC naturalists Elle Bogle and Kelsey Dehring in hiking, archery, kayaking, stargazing, crafts, natural dyeing, wood splitting, studying spiders, cooking over a fire, and more. Dinner on Friday and breakfast and snacks for all days provided. Bring camping gear, a sack lunch, and food to cook on the campfire for Saturday dinner. Participants may camp overnight or return the following morning. 4 p.m. Sept. 12 through 2 p.m. Sept. 14, Independence Lake County Park, 3200 Jennings Rd., Whitmore Lake. \$65. \$6 vehicle entry fee (noncounty residents, \$10). Limited to 35 participants. Preregistration required at (#811005) at washtenaw.org/registerparks. If you need financial assistance or camping gear, contact boglee@washtenaw.org.

★**"Complex Communities: A Conversation**

on the Imperiled Forest Ecosystems of the Western United States": U-M Institute for the Humanities. U-M ecology professor Stella Cousins and U-M curator Amanda Krugliak join painter Catherine Chalmers to discuss *Conifer Trees, Bark Beetles, and Fire*, an exhibit of her work currently on view at the Institute for the Humanities Gallery (see Galleries). 4–5:30 p.m., South Thayer Building, Osterman Common Rm., 202 S. Thayer. Free. (734) 936–3518.

★“Old-Timey Game Night”: Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission. WCPARC representative Dana Sutton-Myers leads kids and adults in delightful games for all ages that families played in the 1800s, like master the art of graces, blind man’s bluff, and charades—or flour merchant, turn the wheel, and sack stack. 4:30–7:30 p.m., Parker Mill County Park, log cabin, 4650 Geddes. Free. Preregistration not required.

“Dancing with the Stars at Gordon Hall”: Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum. Dancing to live music by Billy Mack and the Juke Joint Johnnies, a versatile local roots-rock quartet whose repertoire includes originals and rockabilly, early rock ‘n’ roll, western swing, and hillbilly bop covers. Snacks & open bar with beer, wine, and soft drinks. The 1st fl. of Gordon Hall is open to explore (6–7 p.m.). A benefit for the restoration of historic Gordon Hall. 6–10 p.m., Gordon Hall, 8311 Island Lake Rd., Dexter. \$75 (\$350 for 6) in advance only at (734) 395–4106 & dexterhistory.org.

★Mark Webster Reading Series: U-M English Department. U-M creative writing grad students Jared Scribner & Alejandro de la Garza read their poetry and prose. 7–8 p.m., UMMA Stern Auditorium, 525 S. State. For livestream see tinyurl.com/websters25-26, for password & other questions contact websterseries@umich.edu. Free. (734) 764–6330.

“Stevie Wonder Tribute”: The Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 11 Thursday. 7 p.m.

Pat Sievert: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. Sept. 12 & 13. Quiet, quirky, and slyly funny Grand Rapids comic whose self-effacing “Midwestern guy” act features stories from his life ranging from adopting a cat to buying a home with too much lighthouse decor. Opening act TBA. Alcohol served. 7:15 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.) & 9:45 p.m. (Sat.), 212 S. Fourth Ave. \$20 at aacomedy.com and (if available) at the door. (734) 996–9080.

“Tchaikovsky’s First Piano Concerto”: Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. AASO music director Earl Lee opens the season with a performance of Tchaikovsky’s Piano Concerto No. 1 featuring English pianist Martin James Bartlett, winner of the 2014 BBC Young Musician of the Year competition. The Romantic work contains some of the most memorable passages in classical music. Also, Olivier Messiaen’s 1930 devotional *Les Offrandes oubliées*, and Ravel’s *Daphnis et Chloé* Suite No. 2 and his *Boléro*, which features some of his most passionate work. Preconcert talk at 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Tickets \$15–\$110 in advance at a2so.com & the AASO office (35 Research Dr., ste. 100), and (if available) at the door. (734) 994–4801.

DuPont-Phillips: Rancho Tranquillo. Duo of Ypsilanti indie folk-rock singer-songwriter Chris DuPont and Kylee Phillips, a Plymouth singer-songwriter who performs warm, introspective pop-folk songs. BYOB and a chair. No tobacco products or pets. 8 p.m. (doors, 7:30 p.m.), Rancho Tranquillo barn, 11300 Island Lake Rd., Dexter. Parking is in neighboring Ruhlig’s Country Market driveway. \$25 payable via Venmo: @kyleephillipsmusic. Preregistration required; space limited. (734) 223–2321, treemore13@gmail.com.

2025 Michigan Playwrights Festival: Theatre Nova. See 11 Thursday. Tonight: *Matrescence*, Troy native Jennifer Lane’s drama that centers on an unmarried queer woman’s revelation to her ultraconservative

parents that she’s pregnant. 8 p.m.

★“Femme Feedback” Comedy Night: Bløm Mead + Cider. A variety of female and trans comics try out new material, with a veteran comic presiding to offer feedback. 8–9:45 p.m. Bløm, 100 S. Fourth Ave. Free, but purchase of food and drink encouraged. (734) 548–9729, drinkblom.com/events.

Chris DuPont & Kylee Phillips: Rancho Tranquillo. Singer-songwriter duo. DuPont is a local acoustic folk-rock singer-songwriter known for his distinctive tenor, unconventional guitar work, and clever lyrics, and Phillips is a pop-folk singer-songwriter & pianist from Plymouth known for her intimate performing style and probingly personal lyrics. 8 p.m. (doors, 7:30 p.m.), Rancho Tranquillo barn, 11300 Island Lake Rd., Dexter. Parking is in neighboring Ruhlig’s Country Market driveway. \$30 payable via Venmo: @kyleephillipsmusic. Preregistration required, space limited. (734) 223–2321, treemore13@gmail.com.

“Disc Golf Glow Night”: Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission. All invited to play disc golf with illuminated course baskets. Bring your own glow discs. 9 p.m.–midnight, Independence Lake County Park, 3200 Jennings, Whitmore Lake. \$5 walk-up or preregistration (#IL451100) at washtenaw.org/registerparks, plus \$6 (nonresidents, \$10) vehicle entry fee. (734) 484–9676.

“I Ain’t No Joke”: Hear.Say Brewing + Theater. Stand-up and improv sets by area comics and improvisers TBA. Hosted by Jacob Russell. 9:30–10:30 p.m., HSBT, 2350 W. Liberty. \$15 in advance at heardotsay.com/events and \$18 (if available) at the door. hello@heardotsay.com.

13 SATURDAY

★“BIPOC Bird Walk”: Washtenaw Bird & Nature Alliance. An opportunity for people from BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of color) communities and their allies to look for birds in Nichols Arboretum. 9:30–11:30 a.m., Nichols Arboretum, meet at the east Dow Prairie entrance at the end of Riverview Dr. Free. washtenawbna.org.

“Hike by Bike”: Hudson Mills Metropark. Leisurely bicycle trek on a 3-mile paved path through fields and forest, stopping to enjoy the scenery. Bring your own bike and water bottle. Helmets recommended. Suitable for ages 8 & up, but all kids must be accompanied by an adult. 10–11:30 a.m., Hudson Mills Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd., Dexter. \$5 per person, preregistration required by Sept. 12, 4 p.m. (734) 426–8211, tinyurl.com/hudsonmills-sept-2025.

“Build It Green”: Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum Pop-Up Makerspace. All invited to drop in and try a hands-on engineering activity using recycled materials. 10 a.m.–noon & 2–4 p.m., AAHOM, 220 E. Ann. \$16 museum admission (babies under 2, free). (734) 995–9439, discoverscienceandnature.org/aaom.

“Gordon Hall Days”: Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum Fundraiser. Guided tours of historic Gordon Hall and its newly renovated milk house, the property’s only surviving original outbuilding. Displays and demos of preindustrial crafts, including blacksmithing, spinning, and weaving. Displays of an elaborate running model train layout from the Model Railroad club, live farm animals, and more. Also, an antique and classic car show (10 a.m.–1 p.m.), and at 1 p.m. “Katherine’s Birthday Tea” (\$10, reservations recommended at 734–395–4106), with tea & desserts and a show featuring early-20th-century fashions by designer Helen Welford. This year’s tea event celebrates the 150th birthday of Katharine Dexter McCormick, granddaughter of the town’s founder, and a prominent suffragist and philanthropist in her own right. 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Gordon Hall, 8311 Island Lake Rd., Dexter. \$5 (\$20 per carload of people) at the door only. (734) 426–4767, dexterhistory.org.



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★ **Dahlia Festival:** Michigan Dahlia Association. Sept. 13 & 14. Display of dahlias in competition for cash prizes. Anyone may enter a dahlia for free. Food truck. 1-8 p.m. (Sat.) & 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (Sun.), Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St., Chelsea. Free admission. michigandahlia@gmail.com, tinyurl.com/mi-dahlia-2025.

★ **"Quilting Bee":** Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission. WCPARC representative Dana Sutton-Myers leads a communal crafting event for both seasoned quilters and people who haven't sewn before to stitch a traditional quilt top around a quilting frame. Materials provided. Bring your own chair. The final product will be displayed in the historic cabin at Parker Mill. All ages and skill levels welcome. 1-4 p.m., Parker Mill County Park, log cabin, 4650 Geddes. Free. Preregistration not required.

★ **"Paper Dragon Masks":** Ann Arbor District Library. Adults and kids grade 3 & up invited to make a paper mask from a variety of dragon designs. 1-2 p.m., AADL Traverwood, 3333 Traverwood. Free. (734) 327-4200.

2025 Michigan Playwrights Festival: Theatre Nova. See 11 Thursday. This afternoon: *Look at Me Now* (3 p.m.), local playwright Jill Halpern's drama about an orphaned Black teen and a third-generation white supremacist on death row who break free from their fixed identities and habitual ways of seeing. Tonight: Detroit playwright Andrew Morton's drama *Blue Star Highway* (8 p.m.) is about the wife and children of a closeted gay high school teacher who confront the truth 30 years after he abandoned them. 3 & 8 p.m.

★ **"Game Night":** Maker Works. All invited to bring a game, a guest, a snack, or a drink and join in the play. Games and guidance provided. 4-11 p.m., Maker Works, 3765 Plaza Dr. Free. frontdesk@maker-works.com, (734) 222-4911.

★ **"Jumpstart Your Life Story: A Guided Writing Experience":** Ann Arbor District Library. Legacy Keepers Library Tour founder Zarinah El-Amin leads participants through a series of writing prompts and reflection exercises to help create a 1-2-page personal story. 4-5:30 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek, 3090 E. Eisenhower. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★ **Flower Collages:** Ann Arbor District Library. Adults & kids age 5 & up invited to use paint, markers, colored pencils, and cut paper to make flower-themed collages. 4-5:30 p.m., AADL Downtown, Secret Lab. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★ **"Rasa Festival 2025":** Akshara. An evening of traditional Indian dance & music with performances by local dancers Sreyashi Dey, Asha Subramanian, Sandhya Sree Atmakuri, and Asa Willoughby. 4 p.m., Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti. Tickets \$25 (students & seniors, \$15) in advance at a2tix.com & at the door. (734) 223-5715, sreyashi2@gmail.com.

★ **"Scriptless in Seattle":** The Ypsi. All-ages improv show by this Ohio-based comedy quintet, featuring a blend of film noir-inspired comedy and other sketches, improvised music, and game shows in a format similar to "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" 7-8:30 p.m., The Ypsi, 218 N. Adams St., Ypsilanti. \$25 (2 tickets, \$40; seniors & students with ID, \$20, online only) at ypsi.org/events & (if available) at the door. (734) 252-9774, ypsi.org.

★ **Path: Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth Cafe 704.** This local trio performs upbeat, melodically rich folk and soul music. With guitarist Chris Hedly, mandolinist Tim Prosser, and harmonica player Scott McWhinney. 7-9 p.m., 704 Airport Blvd., ste. 1. Sliding scale tickets \$10-\$20 at the door only. Livestream available (\$10 in advance only) at interfaithspirit.org/cafe-704-coffeehouse.

(734) 657-5384, cafe704@gmail.com.

★ **"Stevie Wonder Tribute":** The Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 11 Thursday. 7 p.m.

★ **Pat Sievert: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase.** See 12 Friday. 7:15 & 9:45 p.m.

★ **2nd Saturday Contra Dance: Ann Arbor Community for Traditional Music and Dance.** Maeve Devlin calls to music by Big Fun. Bring clean dancing shoes. Beginners' intro at 7 p.m. 7:30-10:30 p.m., Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse. \$10 suggested donation (pay what you can). mbean@emich.edu.

★ **Tumbao Bravo: Rancho Tranquillo.** Afro-Cuban jazz band led by veteran local multi-instrumental reeds player Paul VornHagen. 8 p.m. (doors, 7:30 p.m.), Rancho Tranquillo barn, 11300 Island Lake Rd., Dexter. Parking is in neighboring Ruhlig's Country Market driveway. \$25 payable via Venmo @paul-vornhagen or PayPal @pvornhagen@aol.com. Preregistration required; space limited. (734) 223-2321, treemore13@gmail.com.

14 SUNDAY

★ **"Rivalry Ride":** Active Against ALS. Bike ride to raise funds for ALS research from Spartan Stadium in East Lansing or from Stockbridge to Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor. Riders and their bicycles are transported from Ann Arbor to East Lansing and ride back to Michigan Stadium. Lunch provided at the halfway point in Stockbridge. 6:30 a.m., bus leaves from Pioneer High School. \$80 (\$40 for half-ride participants who don't need transportation). Preregistration required at activeagainstats.org/rivalryride.html.

★ **"Home Run for the House":** Ronald McDonald House. A baseball field day hosted by U-M baseball coach Tracy Smith that features a chance to run the bases and play catch with U-M players and a mascot meet & greet. Also, a kidzone with crafts and a bounce house, live music TBA, a photo booth, and more. Food concessions. A fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House, which provides lodging for out-of-town families whose children are being treated at area hospitals. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., U-M Ray Fisher Stadium, 1114 S. State. Tickets \$20 (kids, \$10) in advance at rmhcanarbor.org & at the gate. (734) 552-4692.

★ **"Annual Healing Hearts Family 5K":** Ele's Place Ann Arbor. Family-friendly run/walk to help raise awareness of and support for grieving children, teens, and their families in the Ann Arbor community and surrounding area. Also, a mile run (\$20) & kids dash (ages 3-6). Virtual 5K available (\$20). 10:30 a.m., Thomson Reuters Campus, 6300 Interfirst, Saline. \$35 (increases after Aug. 31) in advance at bit.ly/healinghearts5k; kids dash, free. (734) 929-6640.

★ **Baby & Toddler Gear Swap: Ann Arbor District Library.** All invited to pick up gently used toys, strollers, and other gear. No cribs, car seats, or medical equipment. Donations accepted at all AADL branches before Sept. 7. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., AADL Downtown, lower level. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★ **Ypsi Vegan Fest: VegMichigan.** Talks by VegMichigan representatives Kim Korona (11:15 a.m.) & Katie Johnson (12:45 p.m.), and Trinity Health nutritionist Kelly Wilson (1:15 p.m.). Cooking demos by Kisa the Veganizer (11:45 a.m.) and Karma Wellness Kitchen owner Vinita Parekh (2 p.m.). Vegan food trucks and other vendors. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., 301 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Free. vegmichigan.org.

★ **"One-String Electric Guitar Building":** Ann Arbor District Library. All invited to use a variety of tools and techniques to create a one-string electric guitar. This project takes the entire session to complete. Noon-3 p.m., AADL Downtown, Secret Lab. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★ **"Monarch Migration Festival":** Leslie Science and Nature Center. All invited to watch or participate in the release of tagged monarch butterflies. Also, games and other

activities to learn about their life cycle and the center's role as a way station for migrating monarchs. 1-4 p.m. LSN, 1831 Traver Rd. \$7 (members, \$6; babies under 2, free) in advance at discoverscienceandnature.org/monarch and at the door. (734) 997-1553.

"Historic Earhart Manor Tour": Concordia University Ann Arbor Guild. Docent-led tour of this 1935 French-style country manor, currently home to Concordia administration, built by former local gasoline baron Harry Earhart. It features secret panels and hidden passageways linking rooms and floors, a room once used solely for arranging flowers, and rooms so spacious that a former closet is now a top Concordia administrator's office. 1 p.m., Concordia University Earhart Manor, 4090 Geddes Rd. \$10; preregistration required. (734) 995-7509, concordiaguild@cuua.edu.

★Mehndi Workshop: Ann Arbor District Library. Mehndi artist Anshu Varma introduces adults and kids age 5 & up to the history and techniques of the art of temporary henna tattoos. Participants choose or design a mehndi pattern to wear home. 1-2 p.m. & 3-4 p.m., AADL Traverwood, 3333 Traverwood. Free. (734) 327-4200.

"Pickling Fermentation": Jewel Heart Buddhist Center Loving Kindness Crafters. All invited to learn about vegetable fermentation using lactobacillus fermenters. 1:30-3:30 p.m., Jewel Heart, 1129 Oak Valley. \$10-\$20 sliding scale at the door. Preregistration required by emailing programs@jewelheart.org. jewelheart.org.

★"Running Around Town: An Ann Arbor Memoir." Retired city attorney Stephen Postema reads from his newly published memoir about growing up in Ann Arbor from 1963 to 1977. 2-3 p.m., the Ark. 316 S. Main. Free. (734) 846-1495.

"Stevie Wonder Tribute": The Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 11 Thursday. 2 p.m.

2025 Michigan Playwrights Festival: Theatre Nova. See 11 Thursday. Today: *These My Queens*, Ann Arbor playwright Sarah Elisabeth Brown's story of a young lesbian performance artist who falls in love with a budding drag queen, causing her to question her sexuality. 2 p.m.

★"Let's Be Friends: Knitting, Crocheting, & Stitching": Ann Arbor District Library. All invited to meet with others interested in fiber arts. 3-4 p.m., AADL Downtown, 4th fl. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★"Apples & Honey: Bigger and Better Than Ever!": Jewish Community Center. All invited to this popular annual afternoon of entertainment, cultural activities, and information about Jewish life in celebration of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. Outside, under a huge tent, interactive dance and art workshops, a community loom, and flower garland weaving; displays from local Jewish organizations and vendors, kids activities; food for sale; and more. Also, live music by Gemini, the popular veteran acoustic folk duo of twin brothers Laszlo and Sandor Slomovits, and Klezmephonic, a classy local quintet that plays swing- and gypsy-influenced klezmer music. The event's title derives from the custom of dipping an apple in honey and saying a prayer for a sweet new year. 3-5 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow. Free. Preregistration required at atjlive.app/events/12256. (734) 971-0990.

Alvin Waddles with Testimony Sings: University Musical Society Ypsilanti Freighthouse Residency. The celebrated Detroit stride pianist and vocalist Waddles joins forces with the all-female vocal gospel quintet Testimony Sings in a gospel music concert. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. 4 p.m., Ypsilanti Freighthouse, 100 Market Pl., Ypsilanti. Pay what you wish. Preregistration required at (734) 764-2538 or ums.org/season.

"A Fall Evening": Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Michigan Fundraiser. Hors d'oeuvres catered by the Moveable Feast, craft cocktails by the Last Word bartenders, a

52-card raffle (\$100), and a live auction. With live music TBA. 5-8 p.m., 230 Corrie Rd. \$175 in advance only at bbbsseouteastmi.org/afallevning.html. (734) 975-0933.

★Ann Arbor Morris. Every Sun. (except Sept. 7). All invited to try this boisterous, jingly English ceremonial dance thought to be descended from the 15th-century Spanish morisca. Wear athletic shoes. 6-8 p.m., for location contact a2morris@umich.edu. Free.

★Open Mic Night: Jewel Heart Buddhist Center. All acoustic musicians, storytellers, poets, and spoken word artists invited. Sign-up starts at 5:30 p.m. Bring your own nonalcoholic beverages. Tea, coffee, and water available. 6-9 p.m., Jewel Heart, 1129 Oak Valley. Free. jonas@jewelheart.org, jewelheart.org.

Elizabeth Gilbert: Literati Bookstore. This bestselling author of *Eat, Pray, Love* discusses her latest memoir *All the Way to the River: Love, Loss, and Liberation*, a narrative about falling in love with a fellow addict, and how devastating heartbreak opened a new pathway to recovery. 7 p.m., Michigan Theater. \$38 (includes a signed copy of the book) in advance at literatibookstore.com & (if available) at the door. (734) 585-5567.

★University Symphony Orchestra: U-M Music School. Kenneth Kiesler directs this music student ensemble in a program of music by Russian composers, including the rollicking overture to Kabalevsky's 1938 opera *Colas Breugnon*, Ravel's arrangement of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, and Tchaikovsky's exquisitely romantic Violin Concerto in D Major featuring U-M Concerto Competition-winning soloist Ellen Hayashi. 7 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. (734) 764-2538.

Improv Jam: Hear.Say Brewing + Theater. Sept. 14 & 28. All are invited to play short-form improv games and participate in a long-form improv. No experience required. Spectators welcome. 7:30-9:30 p.m., HSBT, 2350 W. Liberty. Pay what you want. heardotsay.com, heardotsay.com/events.

15 MONDAY

22nd Annual Golf and Pickleball Outing: Rotary Club of Ann Arbor. All invited to play in golf or pickleball tournaments to raise funds for the club's charity programs. Followed by wine, beer, & cocktails and a silent auction (5 p.m.), as well as a dinner reception (7 p.m.) featuring a performance of Broadway showtunes by U-M musical theater students. 11:45 a.m. (registration opens at 10:45 a.m.), Barton Hills Country Club, 730 Country Club Rd. \$180 (pickleball), \$450 (golf) per person in advance only at bit.ly/rcaagpo25. For just dinner & cocktails (also in advance only), \$150. a2rotary.org.

★"Europe & America: Where Are We & Where Are We Going?": U-M Weiser Diplomacy Center Ambassadors Forum. Former-NATO deputy secretary general (2016-2019) Rose Gottemoeller, Shearwater Global political consultancy senior advisor Catherine A. Novelli, and former U.S. ambassadors John R. Beyrle (Russia and Bulgaria), and Ronald E. Neumann (Algeria, Bahrain, and Afghanistan) join U-M Weiser Diplomacy Center director Susan D. Page for a discussion about the U.S. relationship with its largest trading partner. 4-5:30 p.m., Weill Hall, rm. 1110, 735 S. State. Also available via livestream. Free. Preregistration required at tinyurl.com/umford-9-15-25.

"What the Wild Sea Can Be: The Future of the World's Ocean": Literati Bookstore Eco Book Club. All invited to join a discussion, led by local poet Alison Swan, of marine biologist Helen Scales' bracing yet hopeful 2024 exploration of the future of the ocean. 6:30 p.m., Literati, 124 E. Washington. Tickets \$5 (can be redeemed for store credit) in advance only at literatibookstore.com. (734) 585-5567.

★"Blackwork Basics": Embroiderers' Guild of America. Presentation by guild members. Also, stitchers of all abilities and interests are invited to work on their own stitching projects and socialize. 7 p.m., West Side Methodist

Church, 900 S. Seventh St. (enter from the back parking lot). Free. (734) 330-5724.

★AAPEX 2025 Planning: Ann Arbor Stamp Club. Planning and preparation for the Ann Arbor Stamp Show and Exhibition Oct. 31 & Nov. 1. Also, a mini stamp auction. Visitors welcome. 7:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1500 Scio Church Rd., annarborstampclub.org. Free. (734) 761-5859, arbor@provide.net.

16 TUESDAY

★"Old Money: Campaign Finance and Gerontocracy in the U.S.": U-M Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics. Talk by University of California public policy professor Jake Grumbach. 10:30 a.m.-noon, CID Studio, ISR 2030, 426 Thompson. Free, but preregistration required at inequality.umich.edu/jacob-grumbach. (734) 763-2066.

★"The Constitution and the Second Trump Administration's Assault on Immigrants' Rights": U-M Law School. Talk in commemoration of Constitution Day by American Civil Liberties Union Immigrants' Rights Project deputy director Lee Gelernt. Followed by a reception. 4:30-6 p.m., 100 Hutchins Hall, 625 S. State. Free. tinyurl.com/umlaw-const-day-2025.

★"Jewish Music in 4 Objects": U-M Center for Judaic Studies. Panel discussion with Hebrew University of Jerusalem musicology professor Assaf Shelleg and U-M Judaic studies fellows Jeremiah Lockwood, Uri Schreter, and Tamar Sella. 5-7 p.m., South Thayer Bldg., 202 S. Thayer. Preregistration requested at myumi.ch/vvg1x. Free. (734) 615-8503.

★"Animation Station": Ann Arbor District Library. A chance for adults and kids grade 5 & up to learn the basics of hand-drawn animation, then make a flipbook to take home. 5:30-7 p.m., AADL Downtown, lower level. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★"Slow Stitching: Peaceful Patchwork Embroidery": Ann Arbor District Library. Adults and teens invited to try slow stitching, a hand-sewing movement that often takes inspiration from Japanese *boro* mending and Bangladeshi *kantha* stitching. 6-7 p.m., AADL Westgate, 2503 Jackson Ave. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★"Operation Mind: A Brief Documentary Account of the House Committee on Un-American Activities": Literati Bookstore. U-M literature professors Silke-Maria Weineck and Alan Wald discuss this 1952 pamphlet, recently reprinted with a new introduction, documenting the House Committee on Un-American Activities' attacks on accused communist sympathizers. 6:30 p.m., Literati, 124 E. Washington. Free. (734) 585-5567.

★Polka Jam Session: American Legion Hall. All accordion players and other musicians invited to play polkas and waltzes and other ethnic and old-time music. 7-9 p.m., American Legion Hall, 44 Wabash St. (south off Main St.), Milan. Free. (734) 529-3903.

★Fall Concert: Chelsea Chamber Players. Sept. 16 & 21. This local ensemble performs Luigi Boccherini's *Ritirata Notturna di Madrid* for string quintet and Mendelssohn's Octet for Strings in E-flat major. With violinists Nathan Peters, Paula Elliott, Ian Cumming and Graham Emberton, violists David Schultz and Elizabeth Boyce, and cellists Anthony Elliott and Sara Cumming. 7 p.m., Silver Maples of Chelsea (Sept. 16), 100 Silver Maples Dr., & Chelsea Depot (Sept. 21), 125 Jackson St. Free. (734) 433-1622. chelseachamberplayers.com.

The Moth StorySLAM: U-M Michigan Public. See 2 Tuesday. Tonight's theme: "Tests." 7:30-9 p.m.

17 WEDNESDAY

★"Music at the Market": Ann Arbor Farmers Market. Live pop electronica music by Bryce Engle (noon) with kids activities (11 a.m.-2 p.m.) and a pizza truck. In the afternoon, live music by veteran alt-country and rock

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Just Between Friends Sale. Sept. 17-20. Semi-annual consignment sale, eagerly anticipated by parents of young children, offering a chance to buy and sell used maternity items, baby and children's clothes, toys, and baby gear. Prices drop Sat. at 3 p.m. Doors shut 30 minutes before closing. 3-9 p.m. (Wed., tickets required), noon-9 p.m. (Thurs.), 9 a.m.-7 p.m. (Fri.), 9-11 a.m. & 4-7 p.m. (Sat.), *Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds*, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. Free if reserved online, \$3 at the door; \$5-\$25 early access. Preregistration and discounts for first-time parents and grandparents at annarbor.jbfsale.com. To sell items, go to annarbor.jbfsale.com/sell.

★**"The State of U.S. Democracy":** U-M **Rackham Graduate School**. Former Transportation Secretary **Pete Buttigieg** joins award-winning journalist **Kara Swisher** for a discussion on the state of U.S. democracy, current politics, and more, at this live taping of the *On with Kara Swisher* podcast. 4:30-6 p.m., *Rackham Auditorium*. Free, but preregistration required at tinyurl.com/us-democracy-9-17-25. Also available via livestream at the same url.

★**"Button Lab":** Ann Arbor District **Library**. A chance for adults & kids age 12 & up to make fun buttons using AADL 1.25-inch or 2.25-inch button makers. Participants may bring or draw their own pictures, or use images from AADL collection of old magazines. 5-6 p.m., *AADL Downtown, Secret Lab*. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**"Sonic Meditation":** University Musical **Society Ypsilanti Freighthouse Residency**. Sonic immersion and lightly guided meditation session led by Detroit-based sound healing practitioner **Sophiyah E.** With live music by local classically trained neo-soul cellist **King Sophia**. 6 p.m., *Ypsilanti Freighthouse*, 100 Market Pl., Ypsilanti. Pay what you wish. Preregistration required at (734) 764-2538 or ums.org/season.

Crazy Wisdom Bookstore Events. Sept. 17, 20, 21, 24, & 28. Discussions and demos led by local practitioners of various disciplines. Sept. 17 (6-8:30 p.m.): **"Women's Goddess Circle."** All invited to join a discussion focused on the stages of women's lives from early middle age on. Sept. 20 (11 a.m.-1 p.m.): **"Death Cafe."** All invited to join a frank conversation about death led by participants. Sept. 21 & 28 (2-4 p.m.): **"Mastering Meditation."** With Kapila Castoldi. Sept. 24 (6:30-8:30 p.m.): **"Spirit Conversation."** All invited to ask questions of "beings" channeled by Barbara Brodsky and Colette Simone. Various times, *Crazy Wisdom*, 114 S. Main, upstairs. Free unless otherwise indicated. (734) 665-2757, crazywisdom.net.

★**"Visualizing Bird Song":** Washtenaw **Bird & Nature Alliance**. Birding expert Ram Ramamurthy discusses bioacoustics (the science of animal vocalizations), how and why birds sing, and how technology can be used to visualize their songs and calls. 6-7 p.m., *AADL Downtown*. Free. washtenawbna.org.

★**"Little Movements":** Literati **Bookstore**. Brooklyn-based writer **Lauren Morrow**, a U-M grad, is joined by acclaimed local fiction writer Peter Ho Davies to discuss her debut novel, a tenderhearted story about a Black woman who is finally given a chance to pursue her dream of becoming a renowned choreographer, only to find that it comes at a tremendous personal cost. 6:30 p.m., *Literati*, 124 E. Washington. Free. (734) 585-5567.

★**"Managing Emotions So They Don't Manage You":** Greenhills **School**. Talk by U-M psychology professor **Ethan Kross**, author of *Shift and Chatter: The Voice in Our Head, Why it Matters and How to Harness It*. 7 p.m., *Greenhills School Campbell Center for Performing Arts*, 850 Greenhills Dr. Free, but preregistration required at greenhillsschool.org/speakers.

org/speakers.

★**University Philharmonia Orchestra:** U-M **Music School**. Jayce Ogren directs this music student ensemble in Felix Mendelssohn's swelling concert overture *The Hebrides*, Sibelius's symphonic tone poem *Night Ride and Sunrise*, contemporary American composer John Adams' thrilling 2001 orchestral work *Guide to Strange Places*, and John Williams' "Anakin's Theme" from *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace*. 8 p.m., *Hill Auditorium*. Free. (734) 764-2538.

18 THURSDAY

★**"Countering Gender Apartheid with International Law":** U-M **Weiser Diplomacy Center**. Talks and panel discussions by U-M and visiting scholars on effective responses to the subjugation of women in countries like Afghanistan. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., *Jeffries Hall*, rm. 1225, 701 S. State. Also available via livestream at tinyurl.com/um-ford-9-18-25. Free.

★**Open Stitching: Embroiderers' Guild of America.** Stitchers of all abilities and interests are invited to socialize and work on their own projects. 10 a.m.-noon, *Panera Bread*, 903 W. Eisenhower. Free. janfrank@sbcglobal.net.

★**U-M Center for Japanese Studies Noon Lecture Series.** Sept. 18 & 25. Talks by visiting scholars. Sept. 18: **"Jet-Age Nationhood: Pan American World Airways as Postwar Japan."** Retired University of Hawaii anthropology professor Christine R. Yano discusses how Pan Am helped define Japan's sense of nationhood after WWII. Sept. 25: **"The Sound of Manga: From Erotica to Sitcom in Gengoroh Tagame's Oeuvre."** Philadelphia-based translator and manga publisher Anne Ishii discusses the evolution of these Japanese comic books. Noon-1:30 p.m., *555 Weiser Hall*, 500 Church St. Free. (734) 764-6307.

Ikebana International. All invited to learn about and practice this Japanese style of flower arranging. Floral materials provided upon request, bring your own container and tools. 1-3 p.m., *Westminster Presbyterian Church*, 1500 Scio Church Rd., \$25. Space limited; preregistration required at a2ikebana@gmail.com. More info at ikebanaannarbor.org.

★**Fall Open House: International Neighbors.** Area women invited to join women from more than 80 countries to learn about and sign up for various activities throughout the year, including beginning and advanced English conversation, foreign language discussion groups (Spanish, French, and German), tea groups, and special interest groups such as hiking, quilting, and cooking. International Neighbors is a 66-year-old group of local women who welcome women from other countries during their stays in Ann Arbor. Light refreshments. Kids welcome. 1-2:30 p.m., *Zion Lutheran Church*, 1501 W. Liberty. Free. inannarbor.org.

★**"Sumac Lemonade":** Washtenaw County **Parks & Recreation Commission**. WCPARC naturalist Shawn Severance shows people of all ages how to forage for and make sumac lemonade, a traditional Native American drink that's a bit sweet, a bit tart, and a bit bitter. 1-4 p.m., *Parker Mill County Park*, log cabin, 4650 Geddes. Free. Preregistration not required. severances@washtenaw.org.

★**"Aiming High and Walking Through Grief":** **Daughters of the American Revolution**. Talk by Judy Gentz, a Gold Star Mother whose son was killed in Afghanistan in 2010. She is part of a group that will climb Mount Kilimanjaro this fall to support veterans' health. 1 p.m., *Ann Arbor City Club*, 1830 Washtenaw. Free, but preregistration required by emailing salvette@umich.edu.

★**"Third Thursdays at the Library":** U-M **Library**. Monthly open house featuring rotating highlights from the library's Special Collection Research Center, maps from the Clark Library, and items from other collections. Curators on hand to answer questions. Today on the 6th fl.: **"Spectacular Stencils: Gorgeous Examples from Our Pochoir Collection."** Display of

pochoir stencils, a popular early 20th-century technique for creating multicolored art. Today on the 4th fl: **"Panels Across East Asia: The Art of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean Comics."** Display of East Asian comic books highlighting how they blend ancient aesthetics with contemporary narratives. Today on the 2nd fl.: **"Eighty Years Since the End of WWII."** Display of WWII-era maps, including German intelligence maps & photographs, and Allied plans for D-Day. Today on the 1st fl.: **"Languages on the Margins: Less Commonly Taught and Vulnerable Languages in U-M Library Collections."** Display of materials in obscure languages, including Ladino, Kurdish, and Sorbian. 4-6 p.m., *Hatcher Library*, enter from the Diag. Free. (734) 936-2309.

★**"Basketry"**: Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation Environmental Education. Adults age 18 & up invited to learn which local plants can be used in weaving and how to process natural materials for basketry. Participants make a simple woven tray; materials provided. 5-7 p.m., *Gallup Park Meeting Rm.*, 3000 Fuller. Free, preregistration required (space limited) at tinyurl.com/a2parksrec. epotter@a2gov.org.

★**"Gallery Night"**: Chris Nordin Studio/Gutman Gallery/WSG Gallery. Show and sale of art at 3 galleries and other local businesses, including *Kerrytown Concert House*, *TeaHaus*, and *Thistle & Bess*, all within walking distance of each other, of works in various media by local artists, some of whom are on hand to discuss their work & answer questions. Also, artist talks and demos TBA. 5-8 p.m., 111 & 117 E. Ann, and 118 & 415 N. Fourth Ave. Free admission.

★**"Patio Playlist with P.O.R.K."**: Zingerman's Delicatessen. Outdoor performance by *Phil Ogilvie's Rhythm Kings*, a local 10-piece big band led by tubaist Chris Smith that specializes in the old-time big band music of the late 1920s and early 1930s associated with Jelly Roll Morton and King Oliver. 5-7 p.m., *Zingerman's patio*, 422 Detroit St. Free. (734) 663-3400.

★**"The Village Potter"**: U-M Stamps School of Art & Design Penny Stamps Speaker Series. Philadelphia-based ceramicist *Robert Lugo* discusses his work, which uses traditional pottery styles from Classical Antiquity, East Asia, and the Renaissance to celebrate and honor events in recent Black and Hispanic history and highlight themes of inequality, racial injustice, and daily life in inner-city communities. A typical example of his artwork is a Greek-style red figure vase depicting basketball players. 5:30-7 p.m., *Michigan Theater*. Free. (734) 936-0671.

★**Garth Greenwell**: U-M English Department Zell Visiting Writers Series. This novelist, literary critic, and one-time Greenhills English teacher reads from and discusses his work. His debut novel, *What Belongs to You*, about an American teacher who becomes entangled with a male prostitute in Bulgaria, won the British Book Award for Debut of the Year, and his most recent book *Small Rain*, a continuation of the same narrative that finds the protagonist hospitalized during the Covid-19 pandemic, was named a 2024 Best Book of the Year by the *New Yorker* and many others. Q&A. Also, tomorrow Greenwell gives a free craft lecture titled **"Daddy Augustine: Against 'Autofiction'"** (10-11 a.m., *Michigan Union Wolverine Rm.*). 5:30-6:30 p.m., *UMMA Stern Auditorium*, 525 S. State. Livestream available for both programs at tinyurl.com/zellwriters25. Free. kimjulie@umich.edu.

★**"2025 Changemakers Fall Fundraiser"**: Ecology Center Benefit. Food trucks, local craft beer, and live music by *May Erlewine*, a big-voiced singer-songwriter from Big Rapids who writes thoughtful, richly emotional country-flavored songs. Also, environmental activist *Jan Kleeb* discusses the grassroots campaign to block the Keystone XL pipeline. 6 p.m., *HOMES Campus*, 112 Jackson Plz. \$120 (includes a meal & drink ticket) in advance only at ecocenter.org. (734) 369-9268.

★**"The Song of Achilles"**: U-M Kelsey Museum of Archaeology Book Club. All invited to join a discussion of Madeline Miller's 2012 Orange Prize-winning novel, a retelling of the Trojan War from the perspective of Achilles' beloved friend Patroclus. Light refreshments. 6-7 p.m., *Kelsey Museum*, rm. 125, 434 S. State. Preregistration required; see bit.ly/kelseybookclubsept25. Free. (734) 764-9304.

★**"Map Envelopes"**: Ann Arbor District Library. Adults and kids age 5 & up invited to trace maps with templates, then fold and glue the edges to make ready-to-send postal envelopes. 6-7 p.m., *AADL Pittsfield*, 2359 Oak Valley. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**"Decolonizing Ukraine"**: Crazy Wisdom Bookstore. U-M international studies professor *Greta Lynn Uehling* discusses her new book about how the Indigenous people of Crimea are rebuilding their identity and community after Russian occupation. 6-8 p.m., *Crazy Wisdom*, 114 S. Main, upstairs. Free. (734) 665-2757, crazywisdom.net.

★**"Isabela's Way: Research, Travel, and Fiber Arts Threading a Path to a New Novel"**: Ann Arbor District Library Author Event. Local writer *Barbara Stark-Nemon* is joined by local ophthalmologist *Jonathan Trobe* to discuss writing her new book, *Isabela's Way*—a coming-of-age story about a young 17th-century Portuguese girl's escape from the Inquisition. 6-7 p.m., *AADL Downtown*, lower level. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**"A Good Hard Look"**: Literati Bookstore. Brooklyn-based writer *Ann Napolitano* discusses her new biographical novel about literary icon *Flannery O'Connor's* late-in-life return to her Georgia hometown. 6:30 p.m., *Literati*, 124 E. Washington. Free. (734) 585-5567.

★**Ann Arbor Trout Unlimited**. Screening of the documentary *Beyond the Stream: Michigan Trout Unlimited's Youth Conservation and Trout Camp*. This monthly meeting of the local chapter of this organization that works to conserve and protect Michigan's fisheries is preceded at 5:30 p.m. by a social hour. 7 p.m., *Jolly Pumpkin*, 2319 Bishop Cir. E., *Dexter*. Free; food and drink available for purchase. facebook.com/groups/annarbortu.

★**"Comedy Jamm"**: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 4 Thursday. 7:15 p.m.

★**Joe Reilly & the Community Gardeners: University Musical Society Ypsilanti Freighthouse Residency**. Performance with participatory dancing, singing, and meditation led by local singer-songwriter *Joe Reilly* and his Community Gardeners sextet. Reilly is known for his playful songs that draw on blues, Native American, and other traditional American idioms and address ecological and spiritual themes. Doors open at 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m., *Ypsilanti Freighthouse*, 100 Market Pl., *Ypsilanti*. Pay what you wish. Preregistration required at ums.org/season or (734) 764-2538.

19 FRIDAY

★**Organ Concert: First Baptist Church Ad Libitum Concert Series**. Visiting artist *Paula M. Lee Soo* performs a program of organ music: Mozart's *Fantasy for Organ in F minor*, Jan Sweelinck's "Mein junges Leben hat ein End," local Pulitzer-winning composer *William Bolcom's* arrangement of "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and *Florence Price's Suite No. 1 for Organ*. Followed by refreshments. Noon, *First Baptist Church*, 517 E. Washington (handicap access on Washington entrance). Free. (734) 663-9376, fbca2.org.

★**"Natural Cordage"**: Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission. Sept. 19 & 26. WCPARC naturalist *Shawn Severance* discusses cordage plants and shows how to harvest, prepare, and twist natural fibers to create strong and versatile rope for various uses. 1-4 p.m., *Parker Mill County Park*, log cabin, 4650 Geddes. Free. Preregistration not required.

★**"Fix-It Friday"**: Maker Works. All invited

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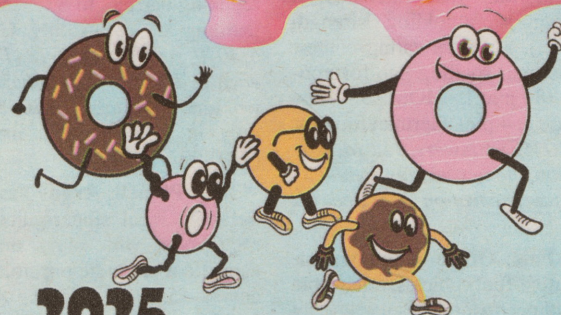
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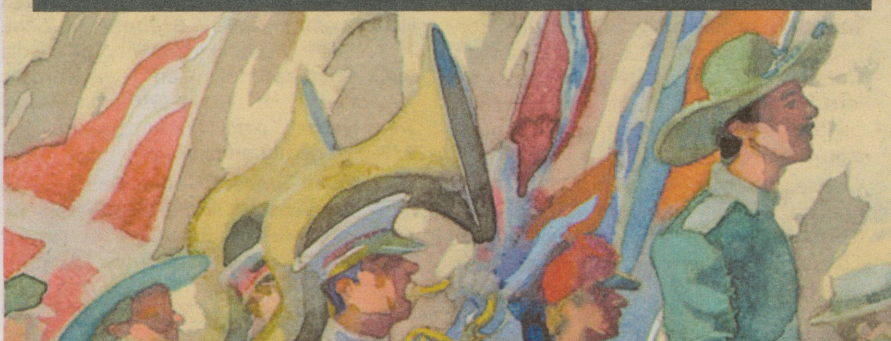
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★**“New Munich Day”**: **HOMES Brewery**. Oktoberfest celebration that includes a traditional Bavarian stein-holding strength competition (6 p.m.), a pretzel-eating contest (7 p.m.), and a German spelling bee for non-native speakers (8 p.m.). HOMES’ New Munich beer release at 4 p.m. German food for sale. 4–10 p.m., **HOMES Brewery**, 112 Jackson Plz. Free admission. homescampus.com/new-munich-day. No preregistration required for competitions.

★**A2Zero Green Fair**: **Office of the Mayor**. Displays of alternative-fuel vehicles, renewable energy, green building materials, solar energy installations, and other energy conservation products and practices. Also, a clothing swap and a kids corner with activities. Local food vendors. 5–8 p.m., **Main St.**, **Downtown Ann Arbor**. Free. a2gov.org/greenfair.

20th Annual Oktoberfest: **Saline Main Street**. Sept. 19 & 20. This old-fashioned Oktoberfest kicks off with the annual “tapping of the golden keg” on Friday and features a beer garden with German brews & traditional German food, and live music by the popular Detroit 70s and 80s classic rock dance band **Your Generation**. Saturday’s events include wiener dog races, children’s activities and games, and live music by the Detroit-area polka and traditional European dance band **Immigrant Sons**, Detroit blues-rock guitarist

Downriver Dan, and the West Bloomfield party rock, country, and pop band **Parallel Fifth**. 5–11 p.m. (Fri.) & 10 a.m.–11 p.m. (Sat.), **downtown Saline**. \$10 after 5 p.m. for those age 21 & over; free otherwise. Details at tinyurl.com/saline-oktober2025.

★**“Flutter: Celebrating Our Pollinators”**: **Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum & Leslie Science & Nature Center Joint Fundraiser**. Seated dinner & specialty cocktails. Also, silent auction, a chance to visit the resident animals, and native plant seedling giveaway. Proceeds benefit local Access for All initiatives, reducing barriers to STEAM and nature-based learning. 21 & up only. Garden party attire. 5:30–9 p.m., **LSNC**, 1831 Traver Rd. \$225 each & \$375 for two (educators and nonprofit workers, \$50; table of 10, \$1,500) in advance only at discoverscienceandnature.org/flutter. (734) 997-1553.

★**Tony Pinnell**: **Argus Farm Stop Packard**. Versatile local singer-guitarist with country-rock roots who plays an eclectic mix of acoustic rock, indie pop-folk, and world music covers. 5:30–7:30 p.m., **Argus Farm Stop**, 1200 Packard. Free; food & drink for sale. Tips welcome. (734) 997-5448, argusfarmstop.com/events-1.

★**Miniatures Painting**: **Ann Arbor District Library**. Adults and teens invited to paint miniature figurines. All materials provided. 6–7:45 p.m., **AADL Downtown**, lower level. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**“Parker Family Sing-along”**: **Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission**. Sept. 19 & 26. WCPARC representative Dana Sutton-Myers and Roger Parker lead a sing-along of old-time songs. Acoustic musical instruments welcome. Songbooks provided. The log cabin is open for self-guided tours from 4:30 p.m. on. 6–7:30 p.m., **Parker Mill County Park**, log cabin, 4650 Geddes. Free.

Preregistration not required.

★**“The Art and Lives of Carmen Herrera and Leon Polk Smith”**: **U-M Stamps School of Art & Design Penny Stamps Speaker Series**. UMMA guest curator **Dana Miller** joins poet and art critic John Yau for a discussion of these 2 groundbreaking American abstract artists who formed a decades-long friendship. Their works are presented alongside each other for the first time in the current UMMA exhibition *Both Sides of the Lines*. 7–9 p.m., **UMMA Stern Auditorium**, 525 S State. Free. (734) 936-0671.

★**“Other Worlds: A Sci-fi/Fantasy Book Club”**: **Booksweet Bookshop**. All invited to discuss *The Two Lies of Faven Sythe*, Megan E. O’Keefe’s 2025 space opera about a navigator searching for her missing mentor, who uncovers a galaxy-spanning conspiracy. 7–8 p.m., **Booksweet**, **Courtyard Shops**, 1729 Plymouth Rd. Free. Preregistration requested at shopbooksweet.com.

Al Jackson: **Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase**. Sept. 19 & 20. Jackson is a Cleveland-born former middle school teacher whose amusing, self-deprecating narrative style covers his experiences as a touring comic, married man, and father. Opening act TBA. Alcohol served. 7:15 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.) & 9:45 p.m. (Sat.), 212 S. Fourth Ave. \$22 at aacomedy.com and (if available) at the door. (734) 996-9080.

★**“Lord of the Harvest”**: **Little Flock Church**. Sept. 19–21. Community festival, with a concert today by the LFC Gospel Choir (7:30 p.m.), along with free cider and donuts. Sat. (2–7 p.m.): Gospel music until 6 p.m. by the church choir and other musicians, a bounce house, yard games & other sports, activities for toddlers, and food trucks. Sun. (10 a.m.): Worship followed by free lunch. 7:30 p.m., **LFC**, 825 N. Maple. Free. alittleflock.church.

André Mehmani: **Kerrytown Concert House**. Renowned Brazilian composer-pianist Mehmani

returns to town for the “**Great Brazilian Songbook**,” a solo program of tunes from choro and samba, the samba-canção tradition that preceded bossa nova, the music of the Brazilian northeast, and the instrumental music of Egberto Gismonti and Hermeto Pascoal, along with his own and other contemporary works. 7:30 p.m., **KCH**, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Tickets \$30–\$40 (students, \$20–\$30) in advance at kerrytownconcerthouse.com and (if available) at the door. (734) 769-2999.

★**U-M Symphony Band Chamber Winds**: **U-M Music School**. A variety of music student wind ensembles drawn from the U-M Symphony Band perform Danish Romantic composer Emil Hartmann’s charming Serenade and American composer Ned Rorem’s Sinfonia, along with new works by young American composers Shuying Li and Cole Reyes. 8 p.m., **U-M Moore Bldg. McIntosh Theatre**, 1100 Baits, North Campus. Free. (734) 764-0583.

Mat Kearney: **Live Nation**. This Nashville-based singer-songwriter uses elements of melodic pop-folk, hip-hop, and electronic dance music in his laid-back tunes known for their reflective lyrics and catchy melodies. Inspired by his hero, Paul Simon, Kearney aims to craft a distinct sound on each of his albums. His upbeat 2024 eighth album, *Mat Kearney*, focuses on domestic themes and was called “a melodic, full-throttle pop delight” by *Rock at Night*. Opener is Virginia Beach-based pop-folk singer-songwriter **Steinza**. Doors at 7 p.m. 8 p.m., **Michigan Theater**. \$42–\$166 in advance at tinyurl.com/matkearney-mi.

★**“Comedy Theme Park”**: **Hear.Say Brewing + Theater**. Stand-up comedy on a theme TBA by area comics. Hosted by Jacob Russell. 9:30–10:30 p.m., **HSBT**, 2350 W. Liberty. \$15 in advance at heardotsay.com/events and \$18 (if available) at the door. hello@heardotsay.com.

galleries

22 North, 22 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti. **Remnants II** (Sept. 5–30). Portrait photographs and mixed media by Michigan artist **Takeisha Jefferson**. Reception: Sept. 5, 6–9 p.m. Every Sat. & Sun. (except Sept. 21), noon–3 p.m. and by appointment. 22north.org.

The African American Cultural and Historical Museum, 3261 Lohr Rd. **Sound & Color for My Mind** (Aug.–Dec.). Portraits in acrylic by U-M alum **Lauren McHale**. Sat. & Sun. noon–4 p.m. (734) 761-1717, aachm.org.

Ann Arbor Art Center, 115 W. Liberty. Main Gallery: **Michigan Contemporary Craft** (Aug. 29–Oct. 5). Fine art furniture and other work from 12 teachers and students of the Adrian (MI) Sam Beauford Woodworking Institute. Reception: Aug. 29, 6–8 p.m. **Spotlight Gallery**: **Identity Passport** (Aug. 29–Sept. 28). Small batch zines and risograph prints exploring queer identity by **Teddy Keeling**. Mon.–Fri. 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat. & Sun. noon–6 p.m. (734) 994-8004, annarborartcenter.org.

Ann Arbor District Library Downtown, 343 S. Fifth Ave. 2nd Fl. Exhibit Space: **Taiwan Literature Exhibition: Reading Taiwan** (Sept. 22–Jan. 9, 2026). Explanatory panels, pages, and illustrations from 20 works of Taiwanese literature translated into English, including fiction, nonfiction, picture books, and graphic novels. Daily 10 a.m.–8 p.m. (734) 327-4555.

Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main, Chelsea. McKune Rm.: **Working America** (Sept. 5–Oct. 20). Photographs by Sam Comen of American immigrants and first-generation Americans at work. Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.–3 p.m., & Sun 1–5 p.m., (734) 475-8732, chelseadistrictlibrary.org/mita.

Crazy Wisdom Gallery, 114 S. Main, upstairs. **Holly Bulko** (Sept. 5–10). Paintings of Michigan scenery, mostly on old windows. Reception: Sept. 5, 5:30–7 p.m. Wed. & Thurs. 6:30–9 p.m., Fri. 6:30–9:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun. noon–5 p.m. crazywisdom.net.

Creal Microgallery, 1215 Creal Cres., front yard. **Michigan Myth & Lore** (Sept. 21–Nov. 2). Monotypes by Ann Arbor printmaker **Spooky Toot** inspired by the monsters and mythical beasts of Michigan. Daily, sunrise–11 p.m. levickas@hotmail.com.

Dzanc House, 402 S. Huron St., Ypsilanti. **Our Streets** (Sept. 5–26). Ten years of protest photography by local artist **Emily Mills**. Opening reception: Sept. 5, 6–9 p.m. Closing reception: Sept. 26, 6–9 p.m. Sun., 5–7 p.m., dzanchouse.org.

EMU Galleries, EMU University Gallery, EMU Student Center, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti. **Michigan Multiples: A Printmaking Exhibition** (Aug. 25–Sept. 26). Prints by 17 EMU student artists. Reception: Sept. 17, 4:30–6:30 p.m. Mon.–Thurs. 10 a.m.–5 p.m. (734) 487-1268, emugalleries.org.

Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow. **Amster Gallery: Group Show** (Sept. 18–Oct. 9). Work in a variety of media by 7 Southeast Michigan Jewish artists. Reception: Sept. 18, 6–7:30 p.m. Mon.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m.–3 p.m. (734) 971-0990, jccannarbor.org.

Kerrytown Concert House Gallery, 415 N. Fourth Ave. **M. Saffell Gardner** (Sept. 1–30). Colorful multimedia canvases by this Michigan artist. Tues.–Thurs. 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri. & Sun. 2–8 p.m. (hours may vary; please call ahead). (734) 769-2999, kch@kerrytownconcerthouse.com.

Michigan Art Gallery, **Schmidt’s**

Antiques, 5138 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. **Leon Makielski: Between Two Continents** (Sept. 6–Oct. 11). Landscapes and portraits from his travels in Europe and the U.S. by this Ann Arbor painter (1885–1974), a well-known Midwest impressionist and U-M instructor, whose show earlier this year focused on his canvases of the Midwest. Reception: Sept. 6, 3–7 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m.–5 p.m., info@schmidtsantiques.com, (734) 434-2660.

Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti. North Gallery: **Abstracting the Anthropocene: An Ecological Elegy** (Sept. 5–Oct. 5). Abstract works on natural themes that use photographic processes by Brittanie Bondie and Megan Major. Reception: Sept. 5, 5–7 p.m. Fri., noon–4 p.m., riversidearts.org/gallery, (734) 480-2787, info@riversidearts.org.

U-M Hatcher Graduate Library, 913 S. University. **Hatcher Gallery Exhibit Rm.: Suave Mechanicals: The Art and History of Bookbinding** (Sept. 8–Dec. 15). A selection of rare books from U-M collections on the topic. Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. pabloalv@umich.edu, lib.umich.edu.

U-M Institute for the Humanities Gallery, 202 S. Thayer. **Conifer Trees, Bark Beetles, and Fire** (Sept. 11–Oct. 24). New York-based artist and Guggenheim fellow **Catherine Chalmers** uses images and materials gathered during fieldwork in the Rocky Mountains to examine the Anthropocene Age (since human activity became the dominant influence on the environment). Also, Chalmers gives a Penny Stamps Speaker Series talk on Sept. 11 at the Michigan Theater (see Events) and shows her video artwork at the State Theatre on Sept. 16 (see Films). Reception: Sept. 11, 6:30–8 p.m. Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

(734) 936-3518. lsa.umich.edu/humanities.

U-M Museum of Art (UMMA), 525 S. State. **Crumpacker Gallery: Curriculum/Collection** (Aug. 2–May 2026). Works selected by curators and U-M professors for their capacity to provoke engagement with themes of specific U-M courses. Tues.–Sat. 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun. noon–5 p.m. (734) 764-0395, umma.umich.edu/exhibitions.

U-M North Campus Research Complex, 2800 Plymouth Rd., bldg. 18 lobby. **Rotunda Gallery: Consequence** (Sept. 19–Dec. 12). Group show on environmental themes in a variety of media by 5 artists. Reception: Sept. 19, 5–7 p.m. Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (734) 936-3326.

U-M School for Environment and Sustainability, Dana Bldg., 1st fl. commons, 440 Church St. **Sweet Thirteen** (Sept. 1–Oct. 30). The gallery celebrates its 13th birthday with a showcase of 2D and 3D works by more than 40 artists who have shown at the gallery over the years. Mon.–Fri. 7 a.m.–7 p.m. (734) 764-4491, seas.umich.edu/about/gallery.

U-M Stamps Gallery, 201 S. Division. **Untold Stories, Part II** (Sept. 12–Dec. 13). Work in a variety of media by 6 Stamps faculty members on the topics freedom of expression, freedom of movement, and civic rights. Reception: Sept. 18, 6:30–8:30 p.m. (see Events). Wed., Fri., Sat. 11 a.m.–5 p.m. & Thurs. 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (734) 615-5137, stamps.umich.edu/stamps-gallery.

WSG Gallery, 111 E. Ann. **Meet the Trees** (Sept. 3–Oct. 11). New spackle intaglio and woodcut prints by local artist **Takeshi Takahara**. Reception: Sept. 5, 5–7 p.m. Wed. & Sat. 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Thurs. & Sun. noon–5 p.m., Fri. noon–7 p.m. (734) 929-2621, wsg-art.com.

20 SATURDAY

★ **"Neighborhood Week: Envisioning How Ann Arbor Lives and Moves Together":** Neighborhood Institute/More Neighbors A2/U-M Urbanism Club. Sept. 20-25. A week-long series of lectures, workshops, social events, tours, and more, focused on the future of Ann Arbor's land use and transportation. Free. Details TBA at moreneighborsa2.org/neighborhoodweek.

★ **"Women in the Woods": Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation Environmental Education.** Adults age 18 & up invited to take a 2-mile hike through the Furstenberg Nature Area together. Bring water, sunscreen, bug spray, snacks. 10-11:30 a.m., meet at Furstenberg parking area off Fuller. Free, no preregistration. epotter@a2gov.org.

★ **Michigan Folk School Folk Festival: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation.** Display & sale of folk art and crafts, and demos of traditional crafts like blacksmithing, hat making, basket weaving, beekeeping, mushroom foraging, and more. Live traditional old-time music by the local Vintage Stringband, country and folk songs by Ypsilanti singer-guitarist Kandy Fredrick, and Appalachian clogging by Sheila Graziano. Also, participatory field games and food trucks. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Staebler Farm County Park, 7734 Plymouth Rd. Free. (734) 926-0060, parks@washtenaw.org, mifolkschool.com.

Blast Corn Maze: Nixon Farms. Every Fri.-Sun., Sept. 20-Nov. 1. A large corn maze with 3.5 miles of trails and 3 exits to allow for routes of various lengths. Also, a U-pick pumpkin patch, hayrides, petting zoo, pedal cars, straw maze, and yard games. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. (Sat.), 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (Sun.), & 5-9 p.m. (Fri.), Nixon Farms, 6175 Daly Rd., Dexter. \$16 (ages 5-12, \$13; age 4 & under, free with adult admission). blastcornmaze.com.

★ **Annual Ann Arbor Russian Festival: St. Vladimir Russian Orthodox Church.** Sept. 20 & 21. Slavic food and drinks, including blini, borscht, shashlik (kebab), pelmeni (dumplings), and more. Live entertainment by bell ringers, St. Vladimir's Choir, traditional dancers, and others. Also, a tearoom with Russian sweets, church tours, and a kids corner with a bounce house, games & crafts, and more. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. (Sat.) & 1-7 p.m. (Sun.), St. Vladimir Church, 9900 Jackson Rd., Dexter. Free admission. (734) 475-4590, annarborrussianfestival.org.

★ **"Art Under the Sun."** Outdoor show & sale of glass artwork by Janet Kelman, and mixed-media pieces by Fulvia Mica Prundeanu. Live music 1-3 p.m. by Tim Berla & Relics of the Future. Berla is a veteran local singer-songwriter who writes quirky jazz & country tunes. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., 1410 Barnard Rd. Free. (734) 353-5859, janet@janetkelman.com.

★ **"Bikeapalooza": Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority.** Biking safety demos and a bike repair station. Also, live music by the Community High School student jazz trio the Triumvirate, face painting, and more to celebrate the city's bikeway network. Noon-2 p.m., Library Lot, Fifth Ave. at Library Ln. Free. a2dda.org/bikeapalooza.

★ **"Rentschler Farm Open House": Saline Area Historical Society.** Self-guided tours of this 1901 farm, which has explanatory signage throughout its farmhouse, barns, dairy barn, icehouse, windmill, and more. Live sheep & chickens to admire. Noon-3 p.m., Rentschler Farm Museum, 1265 E. Michigan Ave., Saline. Free admission. (734) 944-0442.

★ **"Hand Felted Flowers": Ann Arbor District Library.** Adults & teens invited to learn hand felting techniques, primarily wet felting, to make beautiful felt flowers. Led by local fiber artist Barb Schutzgruber. Noon-2 p.m., AADL Downtown, Secret Lab. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★ **"Birding Basics": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission/Chelsea District Library.** WCPARC naturalist Kelsey

Dehring leads a hike to show how to identify birds based on habitat, markings, sounds, and more. Binoculars and field guides provided. Intended for those new to birding. No bathroom or paved parking. 1-3 p.m., Baker Woods Preserve, 11914 Trinkle Rd., Dexter. Free. Preregistration required at tinyurl.com/CDL-birding-Sept20.

★ **"Splatoon 3: Hyper-Local Splatfest": Ann Arbor District Library.** All invited to play a tournament version of this popular Nintendo Switch video game. Participants may bring their own Switch handheld consoles or borrow one from the library. 1-4 p.m., AADL Downtown, 4th fl. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★ **"Crack the Case with Science": WCC Super STEAM Saturday.** WCC biology professor Tamara Tucker shows how lab techniques such as DNA fingerprint analysis, blood typing, and bone analysis are used to solve mysteries. Geared towards middle school students, but all are welcome. 1-2 p.m., WCC Crane Liberal Arts Bldg., rm. LA 258, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free, but preregistration required at bit.ly/wccsteam. sdentel@wccnet.edu.

★ **Jewel Heart Happy Hikers: Jewel Heart Buddhist Center.** All welcome to join a nature walk. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Black Pond Woods Nature Area, 1905 Traver Rd. Free. travlandy@yahoo.com, jewelheart.org.

3rd Saturday Contra Dance: Pittsfield Grange. Scandinavian couple dancing (7-8 p.m.), followed by contra dancing (8-10:30 p.m.) called by Peter Baker and Martha Vander Kolk. Music for both dances by Debbie Jackson and Brad Battey. Bring clean shoes for dancing. 7-10:30 p.m., Pittsfield Union Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. \$10-\$15 suggested donation (pay what you can). (734) 274-0773.

★ **"Drumcommunity!"** Local drum teacher Lori Fithian leads a drum circle. Instruments provided, or bring your own. Kids welcome. 7 p.m., Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth, 704 Airport Blvd., ste. 1. Free, but donations welcome. (734) 426-7818.

Gordon Darr & Friends: Faber Piano Institute. Local pianist Darr performs pop favorites from the past half-century, from ABBA's "Chiquitita" to "Someday" (from *Hunchback of Notre Dame*) and "A Whole New World" (*Aladdin*). With accompaniment by volunteer adult musicians from the local Hudson Music Center. 7 p.m., Faber Piano Institute, 3042 Creek Dr. Suggested donation \$5. (734) 255-1967, info@hecmusic.org.

★ **"Winds of Change": Concert4aCause.** The U-M music student Out Ensemble, a flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and French horn quintet, play commissions by 2 recent U-M composition graduates, Nora Farley and Mattie Levy, who are present to discuss their work. The ensemble also plays Samuel Barber's 1953 *Summer Music* and Jennifer Higdon's 1995 *Autumn Music*. 7-8 p.m., Northside Community Church, 929 Barton Dr. Free; donations appreciated at tinyurl.com/outensemblefundraiser to support the ensemble's debut album. (734) 904-6935, concert4acause.org.

★ **"A Celebration of Japanese Music and Dance": U-M Center for Japanese Studies.** Traditional Japanese dance accompanied by shakuhachi flute, taiko drums, and koto, a 6-foot-long harp-like stringed instrument. Performers TBA. Preceded at 5:30 p.m. by a preconcert talk by the performers and at 2 p.m. by "In Honor of Bill Malm: The Global Musical Encounter and Its Facilitators," a talk by retired University of Hawaii anthropology professor Christine R. Yano on the legacy of the late U-M ethnomusicologist Malm. 7 p.m., U-M Moore Bldg. Britton Recital Hall, 1100 Baitz, North Campus. Free. (734) 764-0583.

Al Jackson: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 19 Friday. 7:15 & 9:45 p.m.

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kids calendar (ages 12 & under)

AADL: Ann Arbor District Library, (734) 327-4200, aadl.org. Events (all free) offered at **Downtown** (343 S. Fifth Ave.), **Westgate** (2503 Jackson Ave.), **Traverwood** (3333 Traverwood), **Malletts Creek** (3090 E. Eisenhower), and **Pittsfield** (2359 Oak Valley) branches, as well as the **AADL Warehouse** (265 Parkland Pl.).

HSHV: Humane Society of Huron Valley, (734) 661-3575, humaneed@hshv.org. 3100 Cherry Hill Rd. Events also hosted at **Tiny Lions Lounge & Adoption Center** (5245 Jackson Rd., ste. A1). hshv.org.

★ Every Mon.-Fri. (different times): **Preschool Storytimes: AADL.** Half-hour program of stories and songs for kids ages 2-5 (with caregiver). **Pittsfield** (Mon. 10:30 a.m., except Sept. 1), **Downtown** (Tues. 11 a.m.), **Malletts Creek** (Tues. 11 a.m. & Wed. 10:30 a.m.), **Traverwood** (Thurs. 11 a.m.), and **Westgate** (Fri. 1 p.m. & Sept. 15, 7 p.m.).

★ Every Mon.-Wed. & Fri. (different times): **Playgroups for Babies: AADL.** Fifteen minutes of stories, rhymes, and songs led by AADL staffers, followed by a short open playtime. For kids up to 24 months (with caregiver). No older siblings. **Malletts Creek** (Mon. 10:30 a.m., except Sept. 1), **Traverwood** (Tues. 11 a.m.), **Westgate & Pittsfield** (Wed. 10:30 a.m.), and **Downtown** (Fri. 10:30 a.m.).

★ Sept. 2 (10-11 a.m.): **"Outdoor Story Hour": Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation Environmental Education.** Caregivers with children ages 2-5 invited to hear stories and sing songs about autumn. **Fuller Park** playground, 1519 Fuller. Free, preregistration required (space limited) at tinyurl.com/a2parksrec. epotter@a2gov.org.

Every Thurs. (10:30-11:30 a.m.): **"Little Paws Toddler Time": HSHV.** Stories, crafts, & fingerplays. Also, interaction with adoptable cats and dogs and a chance to make a toy or treat for the animals. For kids ages 2-5, accompanied by an adult. **HSHV.** \$5 (babies under age 1, free). Space limited; preregistration required at hshv.org/event-calendar. humaneed@hshv.org, (734) 661-3575.

★ Sept. 5 (11-11:45 a.m.): **"Preschool Dance Party": AADL Malletts Creek.** A chance for kids ages 2-5, accompanied by a caregiver, to dance together to a few guided songs, followed by free dance time, and ending with a calm-down song.

Sept. 5 (5:30-8:30 p.m.): **"Pets and Pajamas Movie Night": HSHV.** All kids ages 6-11 invited to watch an animal-themed movie and interact with adoptable pets. Cheese pizza dinner. Wear pajamas and bring a sleeping bag and pillow. Call for movie selection. **HSHV.** \$35 per child. Preregistration required at hshv.org/event-calendar. (734) 661-3564, humaneed@hshv.org.

★ Sept. 6 (11:15 a.m.-noon): **"Read and Look": U-M Kelsey Museum of**

Archaeology. Kelsey staff read the children's book *Cleo and Cornelius: A Tale of Two Cities and Two Kitties*, a spin on Aesop's "Town Mouse, Country Mouse" fable that doubles as an introduction to the classical world. Followed by a chance for kids ages 4-7 (accompanied by an adult) to explore the museum's Roman and Egyptian collections to find items pictured in the book. **Kelsey Museum**, 434 S. State. Free. (734) 764-9304.

★ Sept. 6 & 27 (1-4 p.m.): **"Make Your Own Rag Doll": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** WCPARC representative Dana Sutton-Myers leads kids and adults, using only scraps of cloth and string, in making a traditional rag doll to take home. No sewing required. **Parker Mill County Park**, log cabin, 4650 Geddes Rd. Free. No preregistration required.

★ Sept. 6 (3 p.m.): **Gemini: Westminster Presbyterian Church.** Outdoor family concert by the popular veteran acoustic duo of twin brothers Laszlo and Sandor Slomovits. Their repertoire includes sing-alongs, folk songs from around the world, and upbeat originals about life's simple pleasures, performed on more than a dozen instruments. Bring things to sit on, along with a donation of canned or dry goods for Food Gatherers, if you can. **1500 Scio Church Rd.** Free. (734) 761-9320.

★ Sept. 6 (4-5 p.m.): **Kids & Family Open Mic and Comedy Hour: Oz's Music Environment.** Kids ages 6-12 and their family members invited to play a song, or share a story or joke. **Oz's Music Environment**, 1922 Packard. Free; donation accepted. (734) 662-8283.

★ Sept. 7 (10-11 a.m.): **A2 Summer Streets Storytime: Literati Bookstore.** Literati staff read children's books TBA. **Outside Pretzel Bell**, 226 S. Main. Free.

★ Sept. 7 (3-4 p.m.): **"Building Big with Paper Cups": AADL Malletts Creek.** Kids grades preK-3 invited to stack paper cups into tall towers, pyramids, walls, swirls, and other patterns.

★ Sept. 8, 10, & 11 (10:30-11 a.m., different branch locations): **"Preschool ArtStart": AADL.** AADL staff lead children ages 2-5, accompanied by an adult, in arts and crafts, with an emphasis on fun. **AADL Traverwood** (Mon.), **AADL Downtown** (Wed.), & **AADL Malletts Creek** (Thurs.).

Sept. 10 & 24 (9:30-10:30 a.m.): **"Tiny Tails Toddler Time": Tiny Lions.** Stories, crafts, fingerplays, and interaction with adoptable cats. For kids ages 2-5, accompanied by an adult. **Tiny Lions.** \$10 per kid (babies under age 1, free). Preregistration required at hshv.org/event-calendar. humaneed@hshv.org, (734) 661-3575.

★ Sept. 11-13: **"Kinder Concert": Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra.** AASO saxophone player Noah Stoker is joined by local pianist Kathryn Goodson and

AASO program manager Jaxon Williams to present a program for kids 5 and under (accompanied by an adult) that includes a guided introduction to the instruments of the orchestra and dancing to live music.

Saline District Library, Sept. 11 (10-10:30 & 11-11:30 a.m.), 555 N. Maple, Saline. **AADL Downtown,** Sept. 12 (10-10:30 & 11-11:30 a.m.). **Chelsea District Library,** Sept. 13 (10:30-11 a.m.). **Ypsilanti District Library,** Sept. 15 (10-10:30 & 11-11:30 a.m.), 1900 N. Harris, Superior Twp. Various times and locations. Free.

★ Sept. 13 (1-2 p.m.): **"Minecraft Magnets": AADL Westgate.** A chance for kids grades K-5 to make a Minecraft-themed refrigerator magnet using Perler beads.

★ Sept. 14 (1-1:45 p.m.): **"Young Scientists": AADL Malletts Creek.** Science-themed stories and simple science experiments for preschoolers accompanied by a caregiver.

★ Sept. 14 (1-2 p.m.): **"Draw Your Day": AADL Pittsfield.** A chance for kids grades K-8 to capture their day in drawings, then put them together in a zine-style book.

★ Sept. 17 (6:30-7:30 p.m.): **"Learn to be a Welcomer": AADL Downtown.** Jewish Family Services representatives read stories for kids grades K-5 and discuss how to make others new to a school, neighborhood, or community feel at home.

★ Sept. 19 (10:30-11:15 a.m.): **"Sensation Stations": AADL Pittsfield.** Babies and infants age 2 and under, accompanied by an adult, invited to engage their senses by scooping, pouring, shaking, and sorting a variety of materials while exploring colors, shapes, textures, and sounds.

Sept. 20 & 21 (10 a.m.-noon & 2-4 p.m.): **"Crafty Chaos": Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum.** Kids of all ages invited to make various crafts. **AAHOM**, 220 E. Ann. \$16 museum admission (babies under 2, free). discoverscienceandnature.org/aahom, (734) 995-9439.

★ Sept. 20 (10:30-11:30 a.m.): **Book Party with Black Men Read: AADL Westgate.** A chance for kids grades preK-5 to listen to volunteers read stories of the African diaspora, then do related activities.

★ Sept. 20 (3-4 p.m.): **"Domino Days": AADL Traverwood.** A chance for kids grades K-5 to play with the library's dominoes.

★ Sept. 20 (3-4 p.m.): **"Lightsaber Bookmarks": AADL Malletts Creek.** Kids grades K-5 invited to cut out and color paper bookmarks in the shape of a Star Wars lightsaber.

Sept. 20 (11 a.m. & 1 p.m.): **Birds of a Feather: University Musical Society Ypsilanti Freighthouse Residency.** Two kids music luminaries, Brooklyn-based **Suzi Shelton** and Chicagoan **Little Miss Ann**, join forces for an interactive concert on the theme of going back to school. Doors open at 7 p.m. **Ypsilanti Freighthouse**, 100 Market Pl., Ypsilanti. Pay what you wish. Preregistration

required at ums.org/season or (734) 764-2538.

Sept. 26 (7:15-8:45 p.m.): **"Cats and Kids": Tiny Lions.** Kids ages 6-11 invited to spend time with adoptable cats and kittens at the Tiny Lions Lounge. Also, crafts and games, popcorn, and juice. Kids only. **Tiny Lions.** \$20. Preregistration required at hshv.org/event-calendar. humaneed@hshv.org, (734) 661-3575.

Sept. 27 (9:30-noon): **"Fall Festival": First Steps/Ann Arbor PTO Fundraiser.** All kids invited to ride their stroller, scooter, trike, or bike around an empty parking lot at this annual **trike-a-thon**. Also, an AAFD firetruck, AAPS school bus, balloon creatures, face painting, chalk drawing, games, and a ride-through bike wash. **Westerman Preschool & Family Center** parking lot, 2775 Boardwalk. \$5/child suggested donation cash or card at the gate or online at tinyurl.com/a2trike-a-thon-2025. marj.hyde@gmail.com.

Sept. 27 (11 a.m. & 1 p.m.): **Fun Girl Dance Company: University Musical Society Ypsilanti Freighthouse Residency.** Performance by this Ypsi-based dance company, led by artistic director Chloé Gray. Followed by a chance for the audience to dance along. **Ypsilanti Freighthouse**, 100 Market Pl., Ypsilanti. Pay what you wish. Preregistration required at ums.org/season or (734) 764-2538.

Sept. 27 & 28 (noon-3 p.m.): **"Critters Up Close!": Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum.** Leslie Science & Nature Center staff show live animals TBA. Also, animal-oriented hands-on activities for all ages. **AAHOM**, 220 E. Ann. \$16 museum admission (babies under 2, free). discoverscienceandnature.org/aahom, (734) 995-9439.

★ Sept. 28 (11 a.m.-noon): **"Clay Monsters": AADL Malletts Creek.** Kids grades K-5 invited to create silly and fun monsters out of air-dry clay.

★ Sept. 28 (11 a.m.-noon): **Magic Sponge Painting: AADL Traverwood.** Kids grades preK-3 invited to draw designs on a cellulose canvas, then add water to make it puff up to make 3D patterns.

★ Sept. 29 (1-2:30 p.m.): **"HEXBUG Adventures": AADL Traverwood.** A chance for kids grades K-5 to play with the library's robotic HEXBUGs in an interactive obstacle course.

★ Sept. 29 (1-2 p.m.): **"DIY Stamps": AADL Westgate.** Kids grades preK-5 invited to use foam shapes to make their own rubber stamps.

★ Sept. 29 (1:30-3 p.m.): **"K-5 Leaf Prints": Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation Environmental Education.** Caregivers with children K-5 invited to hunt for falling leaves and make prints using Gelli gel printing plates and tempera paint. **Burns Park Warming Hut**, 1700 Wells. Free, preregistration required (space limited) at tinyurl.com/a2parksrec. epotter@a2gov.org.

★ Denotes a free event

19-year-old NYC-based a cappella quartet performs plainsong, early polyphony, and more complex Renaissance music. Tonight's program features Renaissance music by English composer William Byrd and Italian composer Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina. The group includes countertenor Geoffrey D. Williams, tenors Steven Caldicott Wilson and Andrew Fuchs, and bass-baritone Craig Phillips. Preceded at 6:45 p.m. by a lecture on the program by the musicians. 7:30 p.m., **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**, 306 North Division. Tickets \$35 (seniors age 65 & over, \$30; students, \$10) in advance by Sept. 13

at academyofearlymusic.org or by phone; \$5 more after Sept. 13 and (if available) at the door. (734) 228-4338.

Paul Keller Trio: Kerrytown Concert House. This local high-energy jazz ensemble led by composer-bassist Keller presents **"Strictly Sinatra: A Tribute to Ol' Blue Eyes"** featuring tunes from the 1940s and 50s. With vocalists Paul King, Mark Randisi, and Cary Kocher, along with guitarist Ralph Tope and pianist Adam Mosley. 7:30-9:30 p.m., **KCH**, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Tickets \$30-\$40 (students, \$20-\$30) in advance at kerrytownconcerthouse.com and (if available) at the door. (734) 769-2999.

Noah Jackson & Full Circle: University

Musical Society Ypsilanti Freighthouse Residency. Sept. 20 & 21. NYC-based jazz ensemble, led by acclaimed Detroit-bred pianist Jackson, whose music incorporates elements of classical, Afrobeat, and Motown. Doors open at 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m. (Sat.) & 4 p.m. (Sun.), **Ypsilanti Freighthouse**, 100 Market Pl., Ypsilanti. Pay what you wish. Preregistration required at (734) 764-2538 or ums.org/season.

"Homecoming Choral Concert": EMU Music Department. Brandon Johnson directs EMU student choral groups in a program TBA. 7:30-9:30 p.m., **EMU Pease Auditorium**, W. Cross at College Pl., Ypsilanti. \$10 (EMU students & faculty, free), at emich.ludus.com and (if available) at the door. (585) 298-5752,

bjohn122@emich.edu.

"Comedy Night": Blom Mead + Cider. Stand-up comedy by **Jacob Barr** and other local comics. Usually sells out. 7:30-9 p.m. **Blom**, 100 S. Fourth Ave. \$10 (includes one 12 oz. pour of mead, cider, or nonalcoholic beverage) in advance at drinkblom.com/events and at the door (if available). (734) 548-9729.

★ **University Lowbrow Astronomers.** A chance to join local astronomy buffs for a look at the sky through instruments. Participants encouraged to bring their own telescopes. Visitors must turn off all electronic equipment (car radios, transmitters, phones, etc.) at the observatory entrance. Canceled if sky is overcast at sunset or if the weather is extremely



The First Steps/Ann Arbor PTO trike-a-thon and Fall Festival fundraiser delights kids of all ages on Sept. 27.

inclement. If in doubt, call after 4 p.m. day of event. Also, on Sept. 26 & 27 the Lowbrow Astronomers and other area clubs host the annual **Astronomy at the Beach** viewing night in the Island Lake Recreation Area (see glaac.org). Sunset–12:30 a.m. or as long as the sky remains clear, Peach Mountain Observatory, N. Territorial Rd. (about 1¼ miles west of Hudson Mills Metropark), Dexter. Free. (734) 975–3248.

21 SUNDAY

★ **“Fall Derby Horse Show”:** Cobblestone Farms at Revel Run. Horses and riders compete in dressage, cross-country riding, and stadium jumping. Also, a smaller 1-day **“Fun Show”** at the same time on September 28. Refreshments. Pets must be on leash. 9 a.m.–1 p.m., Revel Run, 555 S. Dancer Rd., Chelsea. Free. (734) 395–2633, secretary@cobblestonefarmsllc.com, revelrun.com.

★ **“Sunday Morning Paddle”:** Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission. Naturalist Elle Bogle leads a kayak tour of Independence Lake to observe plants and wildlife. Bring binoculars if you like. Kayaks available for rent (single kayak, \$25; tandem kayak \$30). Paddles and life jackets provided. 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Independence Lake County Park, 3200 Jennings, Whitmore Lake. Preregistration required (space limited) at washtenaw.org/registerparks (#IL441201). \$6 (nonresidents, \$10) vehicle entry fee. (734) 971–6337, wilsona@washtenaw.org.

★ **“Day of Peace”:** Ann Arbor Community Commons. Peace-themed exhibits and art, speakers TBA, group discussions and meditation, live jazz, blues, Latin, and Motown music by Steve Somers and Friends Band, and more. 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Library

Lot, S. Fifth Ave. at Library Ln. Free. See annarborcommunitycommons.org for full schedule. megiddo@umich.edu.

★ **Ypsi Fall River Day:** Ypsilanti Parks & Recreation Commission/Huron River Watershed Council. Free kayak trips, arts & crafts for kids, games, a live animal exhibit, river-themed exhibits and education, a shuttle for paddlers, and more. Noon–3 p.m., Frog Island Park, Ypsilanti. Free. Walk-up registration only for paddling. (734) 769–5123, cityofypsilanti.com/fallriverday.

★ **Nisson Glass Art.** Glass art show and sale. Proceeds benefit the Ann Arbor Art Center’s public art program. Noon–5 p.m., 1227 Lutz. Free admission.

★ **Sundays at Cobblestone:** Cobblestone Farm Museum. All invited to tour the house and farm, as well as to join docents and board members in inventorying & cataloging items and cleaning the museum. 1–3 p.m., CFM, 2718 Packard. Free. cobblestonefarm.org.

★ **“Hobbit Day Celebration”:** Ann Arbor District Library. All invited to celebrate the birthdays of Bilbo and Frodo, 2 characters from J.R.R. Tolkien’s *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* with crafts, games, and fun surprises. Costumes encouraged. 1–2:30 p.m., AADL Downtown, Secret Lab. Free. (734) 327–4200.

★ **“Poké Battle Sunday”:** Ann Arbor District Library. Adults and kids grade 3 & up invited to play this popular Nintendo Switch video game. Participants may bring their own Switch handheld consoles or borrow one from the library. 1–4 p.m., AADL Downtown, 4th fl. Free. (734) 327–4200.

★ **“Chesstastic”:** Ann Arbor District Library. Adults and kids age 5 and up invited to drop in and play chess. All skill levels

welcome. Instruction not provided. Chess sets provided. 1–3 p.m., AADL Traverwood, 3333 Traverwood. Free. (734) 327–4200.

★ **“Enthefest”:** U-M Student Association for Psychedelic Studies. Street performers congregate to celebrate plant medicines and psilocybin fungi, also known as magic mushrooms. Speakers TBA, information booths. Followed by an afterparty with live music TBA at Rabbit Hole, 210 S. First. 1:11 p.m.–4:20 p.m., U-M Diag in front of the Hatcher Library. Free. sapseboard@umich.edu, entheofest.org.

★ **Farmstead Tours:** Pittsfield Township Historical Society. Guided tours of the historic 1832 Sutherland-Wilson farmstead. Also, in the house, *The Needles Art: A Historic Journey Through Samplers and Stitches*, an exhibit mounted by the local chapter of the Embroidery Guild of America, and, in the barn, a weaving demo. 2–5 p.m., Sutherland-Wilson Farm, 797 W. Textile Rd. Free. info@pittsfieldhistory.org, pittsfieldhistory.org.

★ **“Disas”:** Ann Arbor Orchid Society (AAOS) Monthly Meeting. Talk about this genus of African orchid by Harold Koopowitz, author of *Tropical Slipper Orchids*, *Clivias* and many other books on botany, including a series of fictional adventure books involving orchids. Also, a silent auction, an orchid raffle table, and show-and-tell. 2–4 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, rm. 125, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free; metered parking. aaorchidsociety@gmail.com, annarbororchidsociety.org.

★ **Michigame Design Lab Game Playtesting:** Bløm Mead + Cider. All invited to try out new board and card games from local designers and provide feedback. 2–6 p.m., Bløm, 100 S. Fourth Ave. Free, but purchase of food & drink encouraged. (734) 548–9729, drinkbløm.com/events.

★ **“A Multifaith Day of Climate Hope and Inspiration”:** Sun Day Climate Initiative. Presentations from 3 congregations, inspirational songs by church choir members, a tour of the UUC church’s solar panels, and more. 2–3:30 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, 4001 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free, but preregistration required at a2climateteachin.com. info@a2climateteachin.com.

★ **Bløm Book Club:** Bløm Mead + Cider. All invited to discuss *Beach Read*, Emily Henry’s contemporary romance novel about a romance novelist and her college rival, a literary fiction writer, who challenge each other to write a novel in the other’s genre. 2:30–3:30 p.m., Bløm, 100 S. Fourth Ave. Free. (734) 548–9729.

★ **“15th Annual Pie Lovers Unite!”:** Slow Food Huron Valley. Tastings of homemade pies. Also, pie walks (a combination of raffle and musical chairs that’s a spin on the traditional carnival “cake walk”), a pie baking contest with prizes, a “Pie-Ku” poetry recital, music, and more. Bring a camp chair or picnic blanket and your own plate & utensils. 3–5 p.m., Raindance Organic Farm, 2015 E. North Territorial, Whitmore Lake. Preregistration required. \$12.56 (\$3 extra for those who need tableware; free for those who bring a pie, for volunteers, and for kids age 8 & under; \$35 for a family of 4–6 who are not bringing a pie) at a2tix.com/events.

★ **“Nålbinding: Ancient Fiber Arts Craft”:** Ann Arbor District Library. All adults invited to try this ancient, but still practiced, Danish fabric creation technique that predates both knitting and crochet. Led by local crafter Beth Battery. 3–5 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek, 3090 E. Eisenhower. Free. (734) 327–4200.

★ **Tom Alter, Linden Thoburn, and Mike Gentry:** Ann Arbor District Library. In-the-round performance by these 3 Michigan singer-songwriters, accompanied by cellist Sara Gibson. Alter is a local singer-songwriter and guitarist whose music draws on soul, jazz, and alt-folk. Thoburn is a Brighton country-folk singer-songwriter whose songs often explore themes of self-discovery. Gentry is a local folk-rock singer-songwriter. 3–4 p.m., AADL Downtown. Free. (734) 327–4200.

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★**“Dragons Everywhere All at Once”:** **UMMA Family Day.** All invited to learn about the many facets of dragons in East Asian art, culture, and dance. Featuring dance performances (3:30, 4, & 4:30 p.m.) by U-M dance professor Fangfei Miao and percussionist James Koo, participatory zine making, and art making with artist Zhen Guo. All ages welcome. 3:30–5 p.m., *UMMA*, 525 S. State. Free. (734) 764-6497, umich.edu/events.

★**“A Grand Night for Singing”:** **U-M Music School.** Eugene Rogers leads this showcase of U-M choral ensembles, including the Chamber Choir, University Choir, Orpheus Singers, Women’s Glee Club, and Men’s Glee Club, along with musical theater and voice students. 4 p.m., *Hill Auditorium*. Tickets \$11–\$25 in advance at tickets.smt.umich.edu & at the door. (734) 764-0583.

Noah Jackson & Full Circle: University Musical Society Ypsilanti Freighthouse Residency. See 20 Saturday. 4 p.m.

★**Fall Concert: Chelsea Chamber Players.** See 16 Tuesday. 7 p.m.

Long-Form Improv Jam: Hear.Say Brewing + Theater. Anyone with improv experience is invited to join in a 15-minute improv set. Spectators welcome. 7:30–9:30 p.m., *HSBT*, 2350 W. Liberty. Pay what you want. heardotsay.com/events.

22 MONDAY (AUTUMNAL EQUINOX)

★**“Pop Pop Boats”:** **Ann Arbor District Library.** Adults and kids grade 3 & up invited to build a boat with a small working steam engine that actually moves through water. Involves cutting metal and small flames; adult supervision recommended. 6–7 p.m., *AADL Downtown, Secret Lab*. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**Live Poetry Reading: Ann Arbor District Library.** Readings by 4 local poets included in the library’s new Coolidge-Wagner Anthology of Recorded Poetry digital archive (aadl.org/coolidgewagner): Kowolabi Aboyade, Frances Kai-Hwa Wang, Bryan Thao Worra, and Rebecca Biber. 6:30–7:30 p.m., *AADL Downtown, 4th fl.* Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**“Equinox Mindfulness Hike”:** **Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** All age 18 & up invited to join WCPARC naturalist Elle Bogle and mindfulness instructor Julie Woodward on a quiet hike to celebrate the winding down of summer and to welcome fall. 6:30–8 p.m. *Fox Science Preserve*, 2280 Peters Rd. Free. Preregistration required (space limited) at [#81106](http://washtenaw.org/registerparks). Email questions to boglee@washtenaw.org.

★**“The Slip”:** **Literati Book Club.** All invited to join a discussion of Lucas Schaefer’s 2025 novel about a young man who disappears from a Texas boxing gym. 6:30 p.m., *Literati*, 124 E. Washington. Tickets \$5 (can be redeemed for store credit) in advance only at literatibookstore.com. (734) 585-5567.

Autumnal Equinox Celebration: Michigan Friends Center. Bonfire with singing, storytelling, and discussion. Bring a favorite verse, story, song, or bit of seasonal lore to share. Also bring a flashlight, wear long sleeves, and dress for the weather. Potluck 5:30–6:45 p.m. (bring food to share and your own place setting). 7–9 p.m., *Michigan Friends Center*, 1000 Long Lake Rd., Chelsea. Donation. Preregistration requested at manager@mfccenter.org.

23 TUESDAY

★**Rhiannon Giddens: U-M Arts Initiative Book Talk.** This acclaimed Americana singer–multi-instrumentalist & music scholar discusses and plays songs from *Go Back and Fetch It: Recovering Early Black Music in the Americas for Fiddle and Banjo*, her new book that presents 20 examples of early Black

Atlantic music, from 1687 through the 1850s, in modern treble clef and banjo tablature. Each song is paired with an engaging essay on its historical background and how the tune transformed over time. Signing. 5–7:30 p.m., *Rackham Auditorium*. Preregistration required at booktalkgiddens.eventbrite.com. Free. artsinitiative@umich.edu.

★**Heat Press Open Lab: Ann Arbor District Library.** A chance for adults to use the AADL heat press to transfer their own design onto a provided tote bag, or bring a T-shirt or other fabric material to print on. 6–7:30 p.m., *AADL Downtown, Secret Lab*. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**“Octaves”:** **Literati Bookstore.** Poet Tyler Dunston, a U-M grad student, is joined by Pennsylvania poet Jason Barry to discuss his debut, a collection of 8-line poems. 6:30 p.m., *Literati*, 124 E. Washington. Free. (734) 585-5567.

★**“Current Invasive Species Concerns in Southern Michigan”:** **Michigan Botanical Society.** Jackson Lenawee Washtenaw Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area coordinator Shikha Singh discusses identification, prevention, and reporting of both aquatic and terrestrial invasive species. Q&A. 7–8 p.m., *U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium*, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free; metered parking. (734) 718-6114, michiganbotanicalsociety.org/huron-valley-chapter.

★**“Open Mic at the Freighthouse”:** **University Musical Society.** Comics, musicians, jugglers, and performers of all skill levels are welcome to try their hand at this all-ages open mic. Alcohol for sale. Registration to perform begins at 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m., *Ypsilanti Freighthouse*, 100 Market Pl., Ypsilanti. Free. ums.org/season.

24 WEDNESDAY

★**a2Tech360: Ann Arbor Spark.** Sept. 24–Oct. 3. Weeklong tech festival. Free highlights: **A2AC ArtLab Demonstration Derby** (Sept. 26, 5–8 p.m., *A2AC*, 117 W. Liberty) demos of new tech in art includes CG animation, 3D scanners, 3D virtual reality sculpture, and more. **Venue Connect Lunch & Learn** (Oct. 1, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., *Venue*, 1919 South Industrial Hwy.), speakers TBA. **A2 Tech Trek** (Oct. 3, 1–5 p.m., E. Liberty from S. Division to S. Fifth Ave.), a street party with tech demos, info booths, food, and live music TBA and an afterparty from 6–9 p.m. at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. Also, the city’s annual **“A2Zero Green Fair”** (see listing 19 Friday). The week also includes ticketed business-oriented panel discussions, receptions, and pitch competitions (see a2tech360.com). Various times & locations. A mix of free and ticketed events. a2tech360.com.

★**“Pollinator Power”:** **U-M Museum of Natural History Science Café/Conor O’Neill’s Irish Pub.** They power our ecosystems and put food on our tables, but pollinators are under threat on numerous fronts. U-M natural areas manager Alyson Oostdyk and City of Ann Arbor sustainability coordinator Maggie Halpern discuss pollinator aware lawncare and new native planting strategies to support biodiversity. Hors d’oeuvres at 5:30 p.m. 6–7:30 p.m., *Conor O’Neill’s*, 318 S. Main St. Free, but drink purchases encouraged. Seating limited, so come early. (734) 764-0478.

★**“Handmade Felt Food: Garlic”:** **Ann Arbor District Library.** A chance for adults to make colorful toy garlic bulbs out of felt. This beginner-level craft involves using sharp needles. 6–7:30 p.m., *AADL Pittsfield*, 2359 Oak Valley. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**“IN Day: Evening Edition”:** **International Neighbors.** An evening version of the club’s Fall Open House (see 18 Thursday listing). 6:30–8:30 p.m., *Venue*, 1212 South Industrial. Free. inannarbor.org.

★**Bonsai Auction: Ann Arbor Bonsai Society.** Silent and live auctions of bonsai equipment and trees by club members. All are welcome



On Sept. 27, the Huron River Watershed Council hosts its annual Fall River Roundup, a public science project to gauge the health of the river system.

to bid. 6:30–9 p.m., *U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens*, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free admission; metered parking. aabonsaisociety@gmail.com, annarborbonsaisociety.org/events.

★**“Last Day on Earth in the Eternal City”:** **Literati Bookstore.** Ohio poet Angie Estes discusses her new collection of poems that explore secret relations in the world of things and how slippages of language can reveal alternative modes of being. 6:30 p.m., *Literati*, 124 E. Washington. Free. (734) 585-5567.

★**“Greet the Fall with Ideas and Friends”:** **American Association of University Women.** All invited to learn about the club’s upcoming speakers, interest groups, and scholarship programs. Refreshments. 7–9 p.m. *Ann Arbor City Club*, 1830 Washtenaw. Free. (844) 973-6287, annarbor-mi.aauw.net.

★**“Eloise Asylum”:** **Salem Area Historical Society.** Wayne Historical Museum director Tyler Moll discusses the history of this Westland mental institution which opened in the 1830s as the Wayne County poorhouse, and later became one of the largest asylums in the state before closing in 1978. 7:30 p.m., *Jarvis Stone School*, 7991 North Territorial at Curtis, Salem Twp. Admission \$2 (members, free). (248) 486-5515.

★**“Comedy Bingo”:** **Ziggy’s.** A night of stand-up comedy, prizes, surprises, live music by local jazz fusion ensemble the *Missing Cats*, and bingo hosted by Wisconsin-based stand-up comic *Esteban Touma*, a part Palestinian, part Latino immigrant who has appeared on Comedy Central and NPR. 7:30 p.m., *Ziggy’s*, 206 W Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. \$10 online at tinyurl.com/comedybingo-9-24-25 and at the door.

25 THURSDAY

★**“Fear of Asian Tech: Chips, Platforms, and Social Networks”:** **U-M Digital Studies Institute.** University of California-Irvine Global Asias director Christopher Fan, San Francisco poet Janice Lobo Sapigao, and film director Tony Shyu are joined by U-M American culture professor and DSI cofounder Lisa Nakamura to discuss rising suspicion of Asian technology in the U.S. 4–5:30 p.m., *Weiser Hall*, 10th fl., 500 Church St. Free, but preregistration requested at myumi.ch/3RMW2. Also available via Zoom at tinyurl.com/um-dis-9-25-25. (734) 764-2066.

★**“Better Writing, Less Waste”:** **U-M Institute for the Humanities.** Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist *Ed Humes*, author of *Total Garbage: How We Can Fix Our Waste and Heal Our World*, discusses his writing process and how everyday choices contribute to the problem of waste. 4:30–6 p.m., *Michigan League*, Michigan Rm. Free. (734) 936-3518.

★**“Whither the Center-Right?”:** **U-M Ford School of Public Policy.** A discussion between American Enterprise Institute president Robert Doar and U-M Ford School dean Celeste Watkins-Hayes. 4:30–6 p.m., *Weill Hall*, rm. 1110, 735 S. State St. Also available via livestream. Free, but preregistration required at tinyurl.com/um-ford-9-25-25.

★**“Music of the American Underclass: What Really Made America Great”:** **U-M Stamps School of Art & Design Penny Stamps Speaker Series.** Acclaimed folk and Americana multi-instrumentalist *Rhiannon Giddens* gives a talk about the history of the genres she performs, focusing on people whose contributions to American musical history have previously been overlooked in an effort to promote a more accurate understanding of the origins of the country’s musical traditions. 5:30–7 p.m., *Michigan Theater*. Free. (734) 936-0671.

★**“Mason Jar Sewing Kits”:** **Ann Arbor District Library.** Adult & teens invited to glue some padding to the top of a Mason jar to create a sewing kit that doubles as a pin cushion. 6–7 p.m., *AADL Downtown, Secret Lab*. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**“AI’s Role in Upskilling Medical Practice”:** **U-M Institute for Data & AI in Society.** Talk by U-M robotics professor Jason Corso. 6–7:30 p.m., *Dana Bldg.*, rm. 1040, 440 Church St. Free, but preregistration required at midas.umich.edu/news-events/events. midas-contact@umich.edu.

★**“Machines Making Music?”:** **Ann Arbor District Library.** U-M grad student Molly Jones plays examples of the latest AI-generated music and discusses independent artists creating their own machine learning-based work. 6–7:30 p.m., *AADL Downtown, lower level*. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**“Atomic Hearts”:** **Literati Bookstore.** Michigan-bred, NYC-based writer *Megan Cummins* discusses her debut novel about a writer coming to terms with her chaotic teenage years. 6:30 p.m., *Literati*, 124 E. Washington. Free. (734) 585-5567.

★**“NCAA’s New World Order”:** **Michigan Public Issues & Ale.** Panel discussion with best-selling local sportswriter *John U. Bacon*, Michigan Public host Doug Tribou, and other sports experts TBA on recent changes in college athletics, including the use of the college transfer portal, the introduction of “Name, Image, and Likeness” (NIL) payments to college athletes, and athletic conference realignment. Q&A. 7 p.m., *the Ark*, 316 S. Main. Free; beverages available for purchase. Advance tickets required at theark.org. (734) 761-1451.

★**“Comedy Jamm”:** **Ann Arbor Comedy**

Showcase. See 4 Thursday. 7:15 p.m.

Amy I-Lin Cheng & Chad Burrow: Kerrytown Concert House. These 2 U-M music professors—pianist Cheng and clarinetist Burrow—present a lyrical concert featuring Poulenc's witty and soulful Sonata, Martinu's folk-inspired Sonata, and David Baker's jazz- and blues-infused Sonata. Also, several paraphrases of the opera music of Puccini and Rossini. 7:30 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Tickets \$30-\$40 (students, \$20-\$30) in advance at kerrytownconcerthouse.com and (if available) at the door. (734) 769-2999.

"Gloria": U-M Theatre Department. Sept. 25-28 & Oct. 2-5. Judith Moreland directs drama students in award-winning African American playwright Branden Jacobs-Jenkins' 2015 comedy-drama about a group of low-level employees at a glitzy Manhattan magazine competing to succeed in a publishing industry where opportunities for traditional writers and editors are increasingly rare. *New York Times* theater critic Ben Brantley calls the play a "whip-smart satire of fear and loathing in a beleaguered industry under siege." Recommended for ages 16 & older. 7:30 p.m. (Thurs.), 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), & 2 p.m. (Sun.); Arthur Miller Theatre, 1226 Murfin, North Campus. Tickets \$35 (students, \$16) in advance at tickets.smd.umich.edu & at the door. (734) 764-0583.

"Norma & Wanda": Purple Rose Theatre Company. Every Wed.-Sun., Sept. 25-Dec. 21. Rhiannon Ragland directs Purple Rose founder Jeff Daniels' 2005 comedy about two very different sisters who get themselves into an outrageous pickle over an old high school boyfriend, a chaotic church social, and a secret family recipe for Christmas sausage. Adult language and subject matter. 7:30 p.m. (Thurs.), 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sat.), & 2 p.m. (Sun.). Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Tickets \$30-\$50 in advance at purplerosetheatre.org & by phone, and (if available) at the door. Discounts available for students, seniors, teachers, military personnel, and groups. (734) 433-7673.

26 FRIDAY

"Muralist Mary Theifels": Cahoots. Talk by this local muralist about how she created Treetown Murals and took on Brush Monkeys window painting. 8:30-10 a.m., Cahoots, 206 E. Huron St. Free. cahoots.com.

"AADL World Famous Trivia": Ann Arbor District Library. AADL staffers lead 2 rounds of trivia aimed at adults. Prizes. 5:30-7:30 p.m., AADL Westgate, 2503 Jackson Ave. Free. (734) 327-4200.

***Cabildo: Ann Arbor District Library.** Performance by this West Michigan-based alternative Latin rock collective that plays a unique blend of cumbia, ska, folk, and other Latin and South American genres. 6-7 p.m., AADL Downtown. Free. (734) 327-4200.

***"Fireside Fun": Leslie Science & Nature Center.** All invited to sit around a campfire, roast marshmallows, and swap stories. If you like, bring outdoor games, s'mores fixings (roasting utensils provided), and camping chairs. Rain, snow, or shine, so dress for the weather. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. lesliesnc.org, (734) 997-1553.

***"Trigger Warning": Ann Arbor District Library/Literati Bookstore.** Brown University creative writing professor Jacinda Townsend discusses her new novel about a middle-aged woman who flees a settled life in Kentucky for her native California, with her nonbinary teenager in tow. 6:30-7:30 p.m., AADL Downtown. Free. (734) 327-4200.

Candlelight Concerts: Kalkaska String Quartet. This Detroit-based ensemble presents 2 candlelight concerts each night. Tonight, "The Best of Hans Zimmer" (6:30 p.m.) presents music by the Oscar-winning German film composer; and "A Tribute to Coldplay and Imagine Dragons" (8:45 p.m.), features instrumental arrangements of music by these 2 early 21st-century rock bands. Age

8 & up. 6:30 & 8:45 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw Ave. \$27-\$59 per show. Preregistration required at feverup.com/en/ann-arbor/candlelight.

***"Owls Night Hike": Hudson Mills Metropark.** A metropark naturalist leads a 1-mile hike along a paved path to listen for owls. Children must be able to keep quiet and be accompanied by a registered adult. 7 p.m., Hudson Mills Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd., Dexter. Free, but preregistration required at tinyurl.com/hudsonmills-sept-2025 by Sept. 25, 4 p.m., and \$10 vehicle entrance fee. (734) 426-8211.

***The Atomic Café: Ypsilanti First United Methodist Church.** Listening and dancing to music by this popular local 80s cover band, which prides itself on playing songs so sui generis that no other cover band would consider playing them, songs like Peter Gabriel's "Sledgehammer" and the Dave Matthews Band's "Too Much." Part of the church's bicentennial celebration. 7 p.m., Ypsilanti First United Methodist Church, 209 Washtenaw, Ypsilanti. Free, donations accepted. (734) 482-8374.

***"Hammer and Nail": EMU Dance Department.** Oakland University dance professor Thayer Jonutz performs his autobiographical contemporary dance piece. Sound design props, motion sensors, and projections by engineer Jon Anderson. 7 p.m., Dance Studio Theater 106, EMU Warner Gymnasium, 799 Putnam-Phelps, Ypsilanti. Free. emich.edu/music-dance.

Tracey MacDonald: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. Sept. 26 & 27. Canadian comic known for her alternately acerbic and self-deprecating observational humor about her life in L.A. Opening act TBA. Alcohol served. 7:15 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.) & 9:45 p.m. (Sat.), 212 S. Fourth Ave. \$21 at aacomedy.com and (if available) at the door. (734) 996-9080.

Jazz Pianist Bijan Taghavi: Kerrytown Concert House. In this preview of his upcoming solo release *Cactus Sessions*, Michigan jazz pianist Taghavi, periodic pianist for MSU jazz professor Whitaker's Rodney Whitaker Group, reimagines the music of Brazilian composer Antônio Carlos Jobim and tunes from the Great American Songbook with fresh interpretations that blend technical mastery and emotional depth. 7:30 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Tickets \$30-\$40 (students, \$20-\$30) in advance at kerrytownconcerthouse.com and at the door. (734) 769-2999.

"Verdi's Requiem": University Musical Society. DSO music director Jader Bignamini leads the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the UMS Choral Union in a performance of Verdi's spectacular and dramatic musical setting of the Catholic funeral mass, his largest nonoperatic work. With a thrilling symphonic score and virtuosic solos, the work is known for its simultaneous grandeur and intimacy, and what *Classical Source* critic Peter Reed calls an "astounding emotional range." Soloists include South African soprano Vuvu Mpofo, American mezzo-soprano Sasha Cooke, Mexican American tenor René Barbera, and Chinese bass-baritone Shenyang. 7:30 p.m., Hill Auditorium. \$30-\$128. (734) 764-2438, ums.org/performance.

Jive Colossus: Rancho Tranquillo. Two sets of Afro-Caribbean, funk, rock, and blues dance music by this local 10-piece ensemble with a killer horn section. "Trumpet, sax and trombone surge and sail over guitars, bass and drums to create music that is intent on movement, celebration and dance," says the *Detroit News*. BYOB and a chair. No tobacco products or pets. 8 p.m. (doors, 7:30 p.m.), Rancho Tranquillo barn, 11300 Island Lake Rd., Dexter. Parking is in neighboring Ruhlig's Country Market driveway. \$25 payable via Venmo: @jivecolossus or PayPal: @Khan431. Preregistration required; space limited. treemore13@gmail.com. (734) 223-2321.

"Gloria": U-M Theatre Department. See 25 Thursday. 8 p.m.

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SEAN ANTHONY YANNOTTI,
on behalf of himself and a class of all others similarly situated as described,
Plaintiffs

v.

CITY OF ANN ARBOR,
Defendant

Case No. 22-cv-12147
Mag. J. Anthony P. Patti

ORDER SETTING FAIRNESS HEARING PROCEDURES AND HEARING ON CLASS CERTIFICATION AND WHETHER TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT

- The Parties shall by August 15, 2025, file their joint motion for class certification and approval of the class settlement and post a copy of the same at the website, www.annarborchalk.com.
- The Court hereby sets October 17, 2025 at 9:30am as the date set for the Fairness/Class Certification Hearing to held at the Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse, 231 W. Lafayette Blvd., Room 673, Detroit, MI 48226.
- At the Fairness/Class Certification Hearing, the Court will consider the request to approve a class wide settlement, appoint Sean Yannotti as class representative, and appoint class counsel.
- The proposed class consists of all persons and entities who were subject to the placement of a chalk mark on one or more of the four tires of vehicle to obtain information to justify the issuance of parking tickets within the territorial limits of Ann Arbor, Michigan between April 3, 2017 and April 23, 2019.
- Notice of the Fairness/Class Certification Hearing and the ability to opt-out or object shall be provided by posting a copy of this notice at the Office of the Ann Arbor City Clerk; posted on the City of Ann Arbor Website; and being published in the Ann Arbor Observer, a newspaper of general circulation that includes the City of Ann Arbor. Press releases to traditional media outlets are also encouraged.
- Any potential class member may elect to be excluded from (opt out of) the Settlement by mailing to Plaintiff's counsel and Defendant's counsel a written request for exclusion that is postmarked no later than the date of the Fairness/Class Certification Hearing. Instructions and mailing information are available at www.annarborchalk.com.
- Any potential class member may object to the Settlement by filing with the Court and serving on Plaintiff's counsel and Defendant's counsel written objections postmarked no later than 14 days before the Fairness/Class Certification Hearing. Instructions and mailing information are available at www.annarborchalk.com.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 7, 2025

/s/ Anthony P. Patti
United States Magistrate Judge

★8-Ball Movie Night. 8ballmovienight.weebly.com. All age 21 and older are invited to watch 2 films each night, with trivia about each at intermission. Prizes. FREE. 8 Ball Saloon (201 S. First St.). 8 p.m., preshow starts at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 2: "Weird A.I. Double Feature." Two movies about supercomputers run amok: **Colossus: The Forbin Project** (Joseph Sargent, 1970) is about a sentient missile defense system that attempts to assume control of the world and end all war for the good of mankind, and **WarGames** (John Badham, 1983) is about a young computer hacker who accidentally accesses a military supercomputer that threatens to start World War 3.

★Ann Arbor District Library. Occasional free screenings in the Downtown Branch lower level program rm., and other locations as noted. (734) 327-4200.

Sept. 4: "Eating for Tomorrow" (Otto Brockway & Ludovic Brockway, 2024). Documentary about the ways our diets affect the environment, from deforestation to ocean pollution. Narrated by Kate Winslet. 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 7: "Megamind" (Tom McGrath, 2010). Animated action-comedy about a supervillain (voiced by Will Ferrell) who finally defeats his nemesis. 2 p.m.

Sept. 15: "Personal Statement" (Juliane Dressner & Edwin Martinez, 2018). Feature-length documentary that follows 3 low-income Brooklyn high school seniors as they struggle to get themselves and their peers into college. 6 p.m.

Sept. 23: "Cosmic Dawn" (James Tralie, 2025). Documentary that gives a behind-the-scenes look at the development and deployment of NASA's James Webb Space Telescope. With a brief talk and Q&A with local NASA ambassador Jim Ottaviani.

Fathom Entertainment. (734) 973-8424 (Ann Arbor 20), (734) 316-5500 (Emagine). Tickets \$12.50 (except as noted) in advance at fathomentertainment.com/events and at the door. Ann Arbor 20 (4100 Carpenter, Ypsilanti) & Emagine (1335 E. Michigan Ave., Saline), various times.

Sept. 7-11: "Guns & Moses" (Salvador Litvak, 2025). Action film about an affable small-town rabbi who becomes an unlikely gunslinger after his community is violently attacked. 7:15 p.m. Ann Arbor 20 only.

Sept. 13-17: "The Sound of Music" (Robert Wise, 1965). Perennially popular film adaptation of the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical, set in Austria on the eve of WWII, about the Von Trapp family's singing governess. Julie Andrews. Various times (see website).

Sept. 18-24: "Noah Live!" Broadcast of a Sight & Sound Theatres (Lancaster, PA) production of this drama about the Biblical story of Noah and the Ark. The production uses massive sets, lots of special effects, and live animals. 6:30 p.m. & 3:15 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.).

Sept. 20-24: "Howl's Moving Castle" (Hayao Miyazaki, 2004). Dubbed (Sat., Sun., & Wed.) and subtitled (Mon. & Tues.) screenings of this Oscar-nominated Japanese anime love story about an 18-year-old girl, cursed into an old woman's body, and a wizard who can see through the curse. 3 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.) and 7 p.m. (Sun.-Wed.).

Sept. 26: "Spider-Man" (Sam Raimi, 2002). Marvel film about an average teen transformed into a superhero after he is accidentally bitten by a radioactive spider. Toby Maguire, Kirsten Dunst. 4:45 & 7:15 p.m. (Ann Arbor 20) and 4 & 7 p.m. (Emagine).

Sept. 27: "Spider-Man 2" (Sam Raimi, 2004). The second installment in Raimi's trilogy in which the urban superhero is torn between his crimefighting role and getting the girl. 4:15 & 7:15 p.m. (Ann Arbor 20) and 4 & 7:15 p.m. (Emagine).

Sept. 28: "Spider-Man 3" (Sam Raimi, 2007). The third installment of Raimi's Spider-Man trilogy where Spider-Man's suit turns black, bringing out the darker side of his personality. 4:15 & 7:15 p.m. (Ann Arbor 20) and 4 & 7:15 p.m. (Emagine).

Sept. 28 & 29: "Bernadette of Lourdes." Broadcast of a prerecorded performance of this French musical about a 19th-century French young girl who experienced several spiritual apparitions. 3 p.m. (Sun.) & 6:45 p.m. (Mon.).

★Jewel Heart Buddhist Center. FREE. Jewel Heart, 1129 Oak Valley Dr. Screening followed by discussion. Concessions. jewelheart.org. (734) 994-3387.

Sept. 12: "The Best Bad Thing" (Peter Rowe, 1997). In 1935 California, a 12-year-old Japanese American girl is sent to her aunt's cucumber farm for a character-building stay. Based on a novel by Yoshiko Uchida. 7 p.m.

Michigan Theater. Film screenings every day. Tickets \$10.50 unless otherwise noted (children under 12, students, seniors age 65 and older, & U.S. veterans, \$8.50; Marquee Arts members, \$8) in advance online (recommended) & at the door. For updated schedule, see marquee-arts.org/calendar.

Aug. 29, 30, 31, & Sept. 1: "Casablanca" (Michael Curtiz, 1942). Annual return-to-school screening of this classic drama about a pair of star-crossed lovers in North Africa during WWII. Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman. FREE for students with valid ID, but reservation required at marquee-arts.org/calendar. 7 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.) & 1:30 p.m. (Sun. & Mon.).

Aug. 29 & Sept. 4: "Clueless" (Amy Heckerling, 1995). Goofily endearing tale of high schoolers in Beverly Hills, loosely inspired by Jane Austen's *Emma*. 9:30 p.m. (Fri.) & 8 p.m. (Thurs.).

Aug. 30 & Sept. 3: "My Neighbor Totoro" (Hayao Miyazaki, 1988). Studio Ghibli anime tale about 2 young girls who move to the Japanese countryside and befriend strange and delightful nature spirits. Dubbed. 1:30 p.m. (Sat.) & 7 p.m. (Wed.).

Sept. 2: "Do the Right Thing" (Spike Lee, 1989). Celebrated drama about simmering racial tensions between Italian American and Black residents in Brooklyn. Spike Lee, John Turturro, Danny Aiello. 7 p.m.

Sept. 5 & 11: "The Big Lebowski" (Joel & Ethan Coen, 1998). Beloved philosophical comedy starring Jeff Bridges as an L.A. slacker who gets mixed up in some criminal business. John Goodman, Steve Buscemi. 9:30 p.m. (Fri.) & 8 p.m. (Thurs.).

Sept. 5-7: "Georgia O'Keeffe: The Brightness of Light" (Paul Wagner, 2024). Documentary exploring the life and work of the groundbreaking modernist artist and feminist icon. Times TBA.

Sept. 5-7: "Hundreds of Beavers" (Mike Cheslik, 2024). Broadly comic, mostly silent, black-and-white slapstick extravaganza about a drunken applejack salesman who battles hundreds of sinister beavers, played by men in beaver suits. 7 p.m.

Sept. 6: "This Is Spinal Tap" (Rob Reiner, 1984). Pitch-perfect mockumentary about a fictitious English heavy metal band on a U.S. tour. 5 p.m.

Sept. 6 & 10: "Spirited Away" (Hayao Miyazaki, 2002). Wildly imaginative Oscar-winning Japanese anime from Studio Ghibli

about a girl who must rescue her parents from a haunted bathhouse. Dubbed. 1:30 p.m. (Sat.) & 7 p.m. (Wed.).

Sept. 7: "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" (Mel Stuart, 1971). Delightfully unsettling musical fantasy about a little boy who visits a magical candy factory run by the thrilling, dangerous Willy Wonka. FREE, but reservation required at marquee-arts.org/calendar. 11 a.m.

Sept. 8: "Riefenstahl" (Andres Veiel, 2024). Documentary about the talented but morally compromised filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl, who directed Hitler's 1934 propaganda film, *Triumph of the Will*. German, subtitles. Q&A with the director. 7 p.m.

Sept. 9: "My Own Private Idaho" (Gus Van Sant, 1991). Drama about 2 friends loosely based on the relationship of Shakespeare's Falstaff and Prince Hal. River Phoenix, Keanu Reeves. 7 p.m.

Sept. 12-14: "A Photographic Memory" (Rachel Elizabeth Seed, 2025). A documentary portrait of the filmmaker's deceased mother, journalist Sheila Turner-Seed that includes her interviews with photographers from Henri Cartier-Bresson and Gordon Parks to Lisette Model. Times TBA.

Sept. 12 & 18: "Boogie Nights" (Paul Thomas Anderson, 1997). Drama about a dishwasher who becomes a pornographic film star, set in Los Angeles's San Fernando Valley. 9:30 p.m. (Fri.) & 8 p.m. (Thurs.).

Sept. 13 & 17: "The Last Class" (Elliot Kirschner, 1997). Documentary about the retirement of University of California professor Robert Reich, a former Clinton Administration Secretary of Labor. 7 p.m. (Sat.) & 7 p.m. (Wed.).

Sept. 16: "Dazed and Confused" (Richard Linklater, 1993). Coming-of-age comedy about the last day of school in 1976 Austin, Texas. Parker Posey, Matthew McConaughey. 7 p.m.

Sept. 19 & 25: "Parasite" (Bong Joon-ho, 2019). Acclaimed black comedy thriller about a poor family that infiltrates the life of a wealthy family. The first foreign language film to win best picture at the Oscars. Korean, subtitles. 9:30 p.m. (Fri.) & 8 p.m. (Thurs.).

Sept. 19-21: "Ada: My Mother the Architect" (Hilla Medalia, 2025). Documentary about the filmmaker's mother, who left domestic life in the U.S. in the 1970s to become an accomplished architect in Israel. Times TBA.

Sept. 20: "Waiting for Guffman" (Christopher Guest, 1997). Mockumentary about a small-town director who invites a famous theater critic to view his amateur musical theater production. 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 21: "Ukraine or Death." Screening of short documentaries about Ukraine from news outlets (The Kyiv Independent, UNITED24 Media, Popular Front), followed by a virtual Q&A with Francis Farrell, a frontline reporter. A fundraiser for Ukrainian volunteer defense groups. \$21.25 in advance at marquee-arts.org or at the box office. 2:30 p.m.

Sept. 23: "Party Girl" (Daisy von Scherler Mayer, 1995). Art-house queen Parker Posey is a librarian by day, party girl by night in this New York club scene indie comedy. 7 p.m.

Sept. 26: "Videoheaven" (Alex Ross Perry, 2025). Documentary about how Hollywood movies have depicted video stores. Followed by Q&A with writer/producer Daniel Herbert. 7 p.m.

Sept. 26 & Oct. 2: "Army of Darkness"

(Sam Raimi, 1992). Dark fantasy comedy, the third installment in the *Evil Dead* series. 9:30 (Fri.) & 8 p.m. (Thurs.).

Sept. 27: "Best in Show" (Christopher Guest, 2000). Clever, very funny satire about dog lovers bound for a dog show. 9:30 p.m.

Sept. 28: "The Lorax" (Chris Renaud, 2012). Animated musical take on Dr. Seuss's book about a creature who sticks up for trees against a greedy entrepreneur. FREE, but reservations required at marquee-arts.org/calendar. 1:30 p.m.

State Theatre. Film screenings every Wed.-Sun. Tickets \$10.50 unless otherwise noted (children under 12, students, seniors age 65 and older, & U.S. veterans, \$8.50; MTF members, \$8) in advance online (recommended) & at the door. (734) 668-8397. For updated schedule, see marquee-arts.org/calendar.

Aug. 29, 30, 31 & Sept. 1: "Barbie" (Greta Gerwig, 2023). Fantasy comedy based on the iconic Mattel dolls in which Barbie, expelled from Barbieland for being less than perfect, sets off to find happiness in the real world. FREE for students with valid ID, but reservation required at marquee-arts.org/calendar. 7 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.) & 1:30 p.m. (Sun. & Mon.).

Opens Sept. 4: "Hamilton" (Thomas Kell, 2020). Live stage recording of the smash hit Broadway hip-hop musical by Lin-Manuel Miranda, which was inspired by Ron Chernow's 2004 biography *Alexander Hamilton*.

Opens Sept. 5: "Twinless" (James Sweeney, 2025). Indie black comedy about 2 men who strike up an unlikely friendship after meeting in a support group for people grieving the loss of their twin. It garnered the 2025 Sundance Audience Award.

Opens Sept. 12: "Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale" (Simon Curtis, 2025). This historical drama, set in the 1930s, is a sequel to the 2019 and 2022 films and the popular PBS TV series. It follows the Crawley family and their staff as they weather a public scandal and financial trouble.

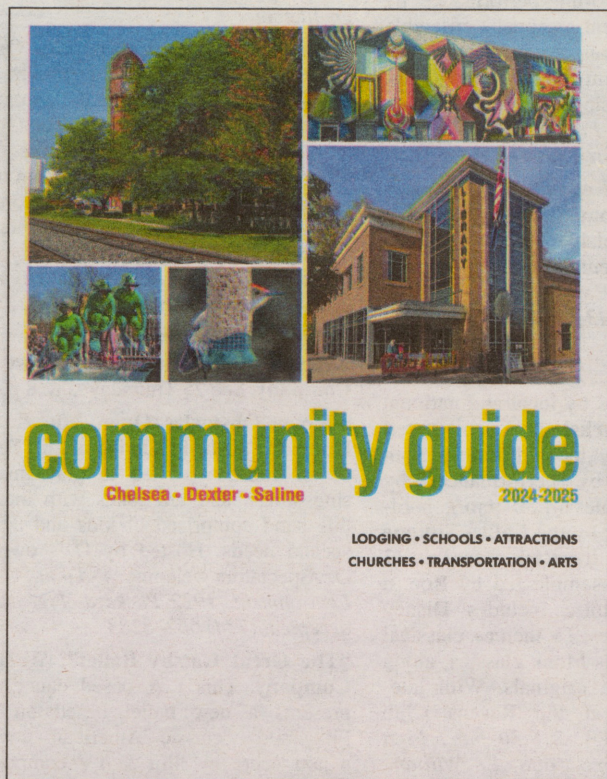
Opens Sept. 12: "Spinal Tap II: The End Continues" (Rob Reiner, 2025). Mockumentary comedy sequel to the iconic 1984 film (see Michigan Theater Sept. 6 listing). Christopher Guest, Michael McKean, and Harry Shearer return as aging heavy metal rockers who reunite for a show.

Sept. 16: "A Night of Insect Encounters" (Catherine Chalmers, 2025). A compilation of video artwork by Chalmers that includes her *American Cockroach* series and *Leafcutters* quadrilogy. Both capture surreal and at times hauntingly anthropomorphic views of these insects. The screening is followed by a conversation between Chalmers, Ann Arbor Film Festival director Leslie Raymond, and curator Amanda Krugliak. In conjunction with a Stamps lecture by Chalmers (see 11 Thursday Events listing) and an Institute for the Humanities Gallery show of Chalmers' art (see Galleries). 6-8 p.m.

Sept. 19 & 20: "MOMO Film Festival" (various directors, 2025). Local independent festival that screens short and feature-length films and experimental video art from around the world. Different program each day TBA at momofilmfestival.org. Reception: An hour before each screening; some filmmakers in attendance. 7 p.m. (Fri.) & 5 p.m. (Sat.).

Opens Sept. 26: "One Battle After Another" (Paul Thomas Anderson, 2025). When their enemy resurfaces after 16 years, a group of ex-revolutionaries reunites to rescue the daughter of one. Leonardo DiCaprio, Sean Penn.

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“Norma & Wanda”: Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 25 Thursday. 8 p.m.

“Tree Town Stand-Up Showcase”: Hear. Say Brewing + Theater. Performances by 6 area stand-up comics TBA. 9–10:30 p.m., HSBT, 2350 W. Liberty. \$15 in advance at crowdwork.com/tree-town-standup-showcase or heardotsay.com/events and \$18 (if available) at the door. hello@heardotsay.com.

27 SATURDAY

★“Fall River Roundup”: Huron River Watershed Council. All invited to learn about and help collect macroinvertebrates—including insect larvae and crayfish—from Huron River tributaries to measure the river’s health. Kids welcome if accompanied by an adult. Two start times. Rain or shine. 9 & 10:30 a.m., various places as assigned. Free. Preregistration required at hrwc.org/volunteer/roundup. (734) 769-5123, jfrenzel@hrwc.org.

Independence Lake Craft Show: Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission. Show & sale of arts and crafts from over 50 area crafters for sale. 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Independence Lake County Park, 3200 Jennings, Beach Center Pavilion, Whitmore Lake. Free admission, but \$6 (nonresidents, \$10) vehicle entry fee. (734) 449-4437. washtenaw.org/3803/independence-lake-craft-show.

★**Annual Webster Fall Festival: Webster Township Historical Society/Webster United Church of Christ.** Popular country fair with hayrides (11 a.m.–4:30 p.m., \$2 per adult, \$1 per child under 12), old-time kids activities, a petting zoo, exhibits of antique

cars & farm equipment, and trained sheepdog demonstrations. Also, wool spinning & blacksmithing demos, one-room schoolhouse sessions (11 a.m., 12:30 & 2 p.m.), and a craft fair. Also, pulled pork sandwiches & sides for sale (11 a.m. until gone), art displays and self-guided tours of the historical buildings, and an exhibition **baseball game** (1 p.m.) using 1860s-era rules between the Chelsea Monitors and the Dexter Union Base Ball Club. Live music includes the **Dexter Dulcimer Group** (11:30 a.m.), Celtic music from the **Foxtree Folk Band** (1:10 p.m.), old-time music by the local **Stout Hearted String Band** (noon), and the veteran Ann Arbor bluegrass band **The RFD Boys** (4 p.m.). 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Webster Community Hall, 5484 Webster Church Rd. and Farrell Rd., Dexter. Free admission (donations accepted). (734) 368-0887, websterfallfestival.org.

Remodelers Home Tour: Builders and Remodelers Association of Greater Ann Arbor. Sept. 27 & 28. A chance to tour at least 10 newly remodeled Ann Arbor homes. 11 a.m.–5 p.m., various locations. \$10 includes both days (age 16 & under, free), by cash or check at any of the tour houses listed. (734) 996-0100.

★**Bob Hoot: Ann Arbor Farmers Market.** Live music by this veteran alt-country and rock singer-songwriter, former leader of the regionally acclaimed Madison (WI) Americana band Tent Show Troubadours. 11 a.m., Farmers Market. Free admission. (734) 794-6255.

“**Family Frightfest**”: Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. This 3rd annual all-ages event features an indoor haunted maze. Also, hayrides & food vendors. Costumes encouraged, kids invited to bring a trick-or-treat bag. 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Washtenaw Farm

Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. \$10 only at the door (kids 10 and under, free). spencerevents7@gmail.com.

★**8th Annual Harvest Fest: We the People Opportunity Farm.** Family-friendly day includes live music TBA, a petting zoo, arts and crafts, and more. Food and drink provided. Noon–3 p.m., Grace Fellowship Church, 1301 S. Harris, Ypsilanti. Free. wtpof.org/media.

★**U-M Men’s Glee Club & Korgossarna: U-M Music School.** Joint performance by the popular U-M student a cappella ensemble and the Swedish all-male choir Korgossarna. The ensembles perform separate sets TBA, then come together to sing a few Scandinavian folk songs. 1:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 120 S. State. Free. (734) 764-0583.

★“**Animals in the Kelsey**”: U-M Kelsey Museum of Archaeology Saturday Sampler. Docent-led tour of notable objects depicting animals in the museum’s Greek, Roman, Egyptian, and Middle Eastern collections. 2–3 p.m., Kelsey Museum, 434 S. State. Free. (734) 764-9304.

★**A2 Jazz Fest.** Sept. 27 & 28. Two days of free jazz performances by local and national acts. Today: a **jazz workshop** (3 p.m.) aimed at teens that’s led by local drummer Sean Dobbins. Followed by performances by **student jazz ensembles** (4:30 p.m.), hard-driving bop-era swing by the **Laura Simone Trio** (5:30 p.m.), and the **Rick Roe Trio** (7 p.m.), a local jazz ensemble led by Roe, a pianist whose repertoire includes Disney songs, Star Wars themes, TV themes, classical pieces, and Thelonious Monk classics, along with wildly inventive originals. With late-night performances at the Ravens Club (see Nightspots listing). 2–8:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, 608 E. William.

Free; donations accepted. (734) 769-2999, a2jazzfest.com.

★**Michaelmas Festival: Great Lakes Branch of the Anthroposophical Society in America.** All invited for a group reading of a Rudolf Steiner lecture appropriate to the occasion. Followed by games, a potluck dinner, contra dancing, and live music by the local traditional Celtic ensemble **Nutshell**. 3 p.m., Community Farm of Ann Arbor, 1236 Fletcher Rd. Chelsea. Free. pdelisa@gmail.com, lindateaman@gmail.com

★**Concert: Dexter Community Orchestra.** DCO music director David Schultz conducts this volunteer ensemble, in collaboration with Skyline and Saline High School Orchestras, in playing Shostakovich’s *Festive Overture*, Valerie Coleman’s “Umoja: Anthem of Unity,” and additional selections. Also, the orchestra is welcoming new members; those interested in joining can apply at dextercommunityorchestra.org/join. 3–4:30 p.m., Skyline High School, 2552 N. Maple Rd. Free. (734) 355-0725, dextercommunityorchestra.org.

“Norma & Wanda”: Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 25 Thursday. 3 & 8 p.m.

★**Know Obstacles Open Mic & Comedy Hour: Oz’s Music Environment.** Performers of all abilities invited to play instruments, sing songs, and tell jokes with members of this band comprised of kids and adults with special needs. Hosted by Oz’s owner Steve Oz. Spectators welcome. 4–5 p.m., Oz’s Music Environment, 1922 Packard. Free; donations accepted. (734) 662-8283.

“**The Great Gatsby Ballet**”: World Ballet Company. This L.A.-based dance company presents a new ballet based on F. Scott Fitzgerald’s classic American novel, with a jazz score by film & TV composer Anna

seniors

★**Activities: Ann Arbor Senior Center.** 1320 Baldwin, a2gov.org/senior. Weekly activities. Preregistration required for some events by emailing mfulton@a2gov.org, bpatton@a2gov.org, or calling (734) 794-6250. **Bridge** (Mon. 12:30–3:30 p.m.). Duplicate non-sanctioned. \$5; members, \$3. Preregistration required. **Mindful Movement** (Wed. 10–11 a.m.). Led by Eleva Potter. Meet at the Burns Park Shelter, Wells St. & Baldwin Ave. Free. Preregistration required. **Mind Matters Brain Games** (Wed. 10 a.m.). Via Zoom at a2gov.org/senior. \$2; members, free. **Scrabble** (Wed. 1:30–3 p.m.). \$2; members, free. **Artist’s Open Studio** (Thurs. 9:30–11 a.m.). \$2; members, free. **ACBL-Sanctioned Bridge** (Thurs. noon–3:30 p.m.). \$9; members, \$8. **Senior Park Walks** (Fri. 10–11 a.m., except Sept. 12). Guided one-mile walks through Ann Arbor parks. \$2; members, free. Preregistration required.

★**Talks: Ann Arbor Senior Center.** 1320 Baldwin Ave., a2gov.org/senior. Senior-focused talks. Free. Preregistration required for all talks and meetings by going to A2gov.org/senior, emailing bpatton@a2gov.org or mfulton@a2gov.org, or calling (734) 794-6250. Sept. 3 (noon–1 p.m.): “**Lunch & Learn: Community-Based Services**.” With

a free light lunch. Sept. 4 (1:30–4 p.m.): “**Travels with George: Iceland**.” Slideshow and talk. Sept. 4, 11, & 18 (1–3 p.m.): “**Animals of Ann Arbor**.” City field biologists lead walks to seek native animals (turtles & frogs Sept. 4, mammals Sept. 11, and birds Sept. 18) in Gallup Park (meet in the Gallup Canoe Livery Meeting Rm., 3000 Fuller Rd.). Sept. 9 (9 a.m.–noon): “**Intro to Basketry**.” Basket weaver Michael Marie discusses how to use nearby plants to make baskets. Sept. 12 (10–11:30 a.m.): “**DTE Energy Smart Seniors**.” Low-cost measures to save on energy bills. Sept. 17 (noon–1 p.m.): “**Lunch & Learn: Heart Health**.” Tips on maintaining and improving heart health, with a free light lunch. Sept. 24 (noon–1 p.m.): “**Lunch & Learn: Unlocking the Power of Annuities**.” With representatives from MRW Solutions, with a free light lunch. Sept. 26 (11 a.m.–noon): “**Tech Heists**.” With James Giordani from AsKevin.

★**Senior Activities: Pittsfield Township Community Center.** 701 W. Ellsworth. Free (except as noted). Preregistration required for all events at (734) 822-2120 or recreation.pittsfield-mi.gov. **Rise & Shine** (Mon. & Fri. 9–10 a.m.). Morning exercise. **Creative Writers** (Mon. 10 a.m.). Bring current project; no instruction given. **Ukulele Practice** (Mon. 10:30–11:30 a.m.).

No instruction given. **American mah-jongg** (Mon. 1–3 p.m. & Tues. 10–11:45 a.m.). All levels welcome. **Euchre** (Tues. 1–3 p.m.). **Watercolor & Painting** (Wed. 10–11:30 a.m.). Bring current project and supplies; no instruction given. **Bingo** (Wed. 1–3 p.m.). **Computer Help** (Thurs. 9–11:45 a.m. in 15-minute slots). With Jack Spence. **Men’s Group** (Thurs. 2–4 p.m.). Discussion group. **Crafting Crew** (Fri. 10–11:30 a.m.). Bring your current project, no instruction given. **Chinese mah-jongg** (Fri. 1–3 p.m.). **Living Solo Social/Coffee Hour** (Sept. 11, 11 a.m.–12:45 p.m.). Socializing for seniors living alone; not a support group.

★**Senior Talks: Pittsfield Township Senior Center.** 701 W. Ellsworth. Free. Preregistration required for all events at (734) 822-2120 or recreation.pittsfield-mi.gov. Sept. 4 (1–2 p.m.): “**Estate Planning**.” With attorney Dustin Foster. Sept. 15 (11 a.m.–noon): “**Medicare Basics & What’s New**.” With a representative from the Michigan State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Sept. 17 (10:30 a.m.–noon): “**Understanding Your iPhone**.” Sept. 18 (11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.): “**Safe & Steady Fall Prevention Lunch & Learn**.” With free lunch.

★**U-M Turner Senior Wellness Program.** 2401 Plymouth Rd.

Weekly activities. Free (except as noted). Preregistration required for some events. For Zoom links see calendar at tinyurl.com/turner-snr-calendar. (734) 998-9353, michmed.org/tswp, tswp.info@umich.edu. **Tai Chi** (Mon., Wed., & Fri. noon–12:30 p.m. via Zoom). **Walking Off the Pounds** (Mon., Wed., & Fri. 12–12:30 p.m. via Zoom). **Euchre** (Mon. 1–3 p.m.). **Bridge** (Tues. & Fri. 1–4 p.m.). Call if interested. **Open Chinese mah-jongg** (Thurs. 10 a.m.–noon). **Wise Guys: Conversations for Men** (Thurs. 2–3:30 p.m. via Zoom). **Una Tertulia** (Tues. Sept. 2 & 16, 3:15–5 p.m.). For native Spanish speakers. **LGBTQ+ Coffee & Chat** (Wed., Sept. 10 & 24, noon–2 p.m.; preregistration required).

★**Talks & Events: U-M Turner Senior Wellness Program.** 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. Preregistration required at tinyurl.com/turner-snr-calendar. (734) 998-9353, michmed.org/tswp, tswp.info@umich.edu. Sept. 10 (10–11 a.m.): “**Non-Death Grief and Loss**.” With Angela Hospice grief counselor Keely Rhiannon. Sept. 12 (noon–2 p.m.): **Fall Open House**. With information, refreshments, and free flu shots. Sept. 24 (10–11 a.m.): “**Thanks for the Memories: Practical Tips for a Brain-Healthy Lifestyle**.” With Michigan Medicine clinical professor Theodore T. Suh.

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Zach Bryan & John Mayer: Michigan Stadium. The first concert ever held at the stadium features the youthful country-rock star Bryan and veteran folk-rock singer-songwriter Mayer. They perform together and separately. Fireworks show to follow. 6:30 p.m., *Michigan Stadium*. Sold out; some tickets available on resale sites.

Tracey MacDonald: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 26 Friday. 7:15 & 9:45 p.m.

“Three Mirrors: Excursions in Collaboration”: University Musical Society Ypsilanti Freighthouse Residency. Nationally prominent Ypsilanti-born postpunk indie rock singer-songwriter Fred Thomas hosts a night of collaborative soundscapes by multidisciplinary sound artists Alvin Hill, Dick Texas, Emily Roll, OMO, and Shells. Presented in 3 acts. Alcohol for sale. 7:30 p.m., *Ypsilanti Freighthouse, 100 Market Pl., Ypsilanti*. Pay what you wish. Preregistration required at (734) 764-2538 or ums.org/season.

★**Svetozar Ivanov: U-M Music School.** This University of South Florida piano professor, a U-M grad, performs a series of 12 musical vignettes by contemporary composers to accompany audio recordings of poetry by Sappho, Apollinaire, Lorca, Poe, and others. 8 p.m., *U-M Moore Bldg. Britton Recital Hall, 1100 Baitz*. Free. (734) 764-0583.

Billy King and Friends: Rancho Tranquillo. Danceable original pop-folk with roots-rock and country-swing flavors, along with some tasty covers by an ensemble led by this talented veteran local singer-songwriter & guitarist. BYOB and a chair. No tobacco products or pets. 8 p.m. (doors, 7:30 p.m.), *Rancho Tranquillo barn, 11300 Island Lake Rd., Dexter*. Parking is in neighboring Ruhlig’s Country Market driveway. \$25 payable via Venmo: @william-king-673 & PayPal: @afreid@gmail.com. Preregistration required; space limited. treemore13@gmail.com, (734) 223-2321.

“Gloria”: U-M Theatre Department. See 25 Thursday. 8 p.m.

28 SUNDAY

“Refugia Festival”: U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens/Nichols Arboretum. Festival celebrating sonic beauty and the environment. Live performances by nature-inspired sound/video/sculpture performance artist Stephanie Vasko, the U-M student electronic chamber music sextet Flydphn, the Detroit trance-inducing improvisational string ensemble White Flowers, Detroit-based improvisational composer-pianist Yvonne Pruneau, and the Regenerate! Orchestra, a volunteer ensemble that describes its music as immersive “ambient-classical-folk-noise.” Also, the unveiling of a new art installation that both measures and alters the acoustic qualities of a space, a community-curated art gallery, and more. Bring something to sit on. Food vendors. See refugiafestival.com/rf2025 for the complete lineup. Noon–7 p.m., *Nichols Arboretum Peony Garden entrance at 1610 Washington Heights*. Pay what you can in advance or at the door (\$10–\$20 suggested). refugiafestival.com.

★**PandaCamp Fall Fest: Zion Lutheran Church.** An afternoon of family-friendly activities including a bounce house, Kidokinetics classes, face painting and more. Food trucks. Also, a raffle to support the camp scholarship fund. Prizes include: Birkenstocks, Launch Jump passes, free bowling, and treats from Cherry Republic. 12:30–3:30 p.m., *Zion*

Lutheran Church, 1501 W. Liberty. Free. (734) 994-4455.

“12th Annual RunTough”: ChadTough Defeat DIPG Foundation. Family-friendly 1-mile off-road fun run, along with a free tot sprint for the toddler crowd. Also, a “Punt, Pass, & Kick” challenge, lawn games, inflatables, and other activities. Food trucks. Entry fee includes a T-shirt. A fundraiser for pediatric brain cancer research. Virtual 5K available. 1 p.m., *Saline Hornet Stadium, Saline High School, 1300 Campus Pkwy., Saline*. \$30 (1-mile or Punt, Pass, & Kick), \$50 (both), \$10 (tot sprint for age 5 & under), \$35 (virtual 5K, with T-shirt), by Sept. 3; after Sept. 3 fee goes up by \$5; kids 5 and under free. Preregistration required at chadtough.org/runtough.

★**“Harvest Fest”: U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens.** All invited to this celebration of U-M student-driven food initiatives that includes lawn games, hands-on arts and crafts, and cooking demos. 1–4 p.m., *Campus Farm, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd.* Free; metered parking. A shuttle bus runs every 20 minutes from the Central Campus Transit Center. mbgna.umich.edu/event/harvest-fest.

★**3D Printing Open Lab: Ann Arbor District Library.** All invited to print an item to take home after learning about the library’s 3D printing resources and the basics of 3D design. 1–5 p.m., *AADL Downtown, Secret Lab*. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**“Storytelling and Community Care as Healing Tools for Parental Incarceration”: Ann Arbor District Library.** Detroit writer and social justice advocate Reda Taleb discusses how to help youth prepare for visits with incarcerated loved ones. 1–2 p.m., *AADL Downtown, lower level*. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**“Easily Citing Your Genealogical Sources: A Roadmap of Your Research”: Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County.** Talk by Dexter genealogist Katherine R. Willson, author of *The Genealogist’s Guide to Grand Rapids, Michigan*. Followed by a small group discussion, with facilitators (in person and on Zoom), on “Brick Walls” in research. 1:30 p.m., *Trinity Health Education Center Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Dr.* parking lot P, Ypsilanti. Also via livestream; for URL email info@washtenawgenealogy.org by Sept. 25. Free.

★**“Walk a Mile in My Shoes”: Jewish Family Services.** All invited to join a 1-mile-long walk to support the organization’s work resettling refugees. 2–5 p.m. *Burns Park Elementary, 1414 Wells*. Free, but sponsorship and donations encouraged. Preregistration required at jfsannarbor.org/walk-a-mile. info@jfsannarbor.org.

★**“Taiwan Travelogue: Unearthing Stories of Identity, Cuisine, & Friendship”: Ann Arbor District Library.** Taiwanese writer Shuang-z Yang and translator Lin King are joined by local writer Frances Kai-Hwa Wang to discuss *Taiwan Travelogue: A Novel*, Yang’s 2024 novel (translated by King), set in Taiwan in 1938 during the Japanese occupation, about the relationship between a Japanese novelist and her Taiwanese interpreter. Also, a tasting of traditional Taiwanese food. Signing. 2–3:30 p.m., *AADL Downtown*. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**Ann Arbor Storytellers Guild.** All invited to listen to guild members swap stories or bring their own to tell. 2–4 p.m., *Schuler Books, 2513 Jackson Ave.* annarborstorytelling.org. Free.

“Gloria”: U-M Theatre Department. See 25 Thursday. 2 p.m.

“Norma & Wanda”: Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 25 Thursday. 2 p.m.

★**A2 Jazz Fest.** See 27 Saturday. Today: a jazz workshop (3 p.m.) aimed at teens that’s led by local bassist Rob Bickley. Followed by performances by student jazz ensembles (4:30 p.m.), a jazz ensemble led by acclaimed Michigan-based composer-pianist Jeff Haas (5:30 p.m.), and Theo Croker, a nationally acclaimed experimental jazz trumpeter whose music incorporates elements of hip-hop, funk,

soul, R&B, and pop. With a late-night jazz jam session at the Ravens Club (see Nightspots listing). 2–8:30 p.m.

Dances of Universal Peace. All invited to join in simple circle dances and chants from the Iroquois Thanksgiving prayer in a joyful practice to build peace and understanding. Live music by drummer Susan Slack and guest musicians TBA. 3–4:30 p.m., *Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth, 704 Airport Blvd.* Donation requested. dancesofuniversalpeace.org.

★**“Celestial Heritage: Latin America’s Skies and Women in Astronomy”: Ann Arbor District Library.** Two short lectures on Latin American astronomers and observatories by U-M astronomy professors Mario Mateo & Nuria Calvet. 4–5 p.m., *AADL Westgate, 2503 Jackson Ave.* Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**“Henry Orr, a Black Caterer in Early Federal Washington, D.C.”: Culinary Historians of Ann Arbor.** Rescheduled from February. Virginia-based independent historian Leni A. Sorensen discusses, via livestream on a big screen, the life and food of Henry Orr, a Black chef who catered enough fine dinners in antebellum Washington to buy himself, his wife, and his children out of slavery. Q&A. 4–5:30 p.m., *AADL Downtown, 4th fl.* Also via YouTube; get URL at culinaryhistoriansannarbor.org or aadl.org/events. Free. (734) 327-4200.

“Domestic Resurrection Revolution in Progress Circus”: Bread & Puppet Theater. This Vermont-based company, one of the oldest nonprofit political theater companies in the country, returns to town for the first time since 2007 with its latest art circus. The show features performances by imaginatively costumed stilt dancers, wild papier mâché beasts, and a brass band, all commenting on the current political climate. “The Bread & Puppet Theater has been so long a part of America’s conscious struggle for our better selves, that it has become, paradoxically, a fixture of our subconscious,” says NPR commentator Andrei Codrescu. This is the only planned Michigan appearance in a national tour. After the show, all are welcome to eat the company’s famous free sourdough rye bread with aioli. Also, a sale of “cheap art” (books, posters, postcards, pamphlets, banners from the Bread & Puppet Press). 6 p.m., *Riverside Park, 2 E. Cross, Ypsilanti*. \$20 suggested donation. breadandpuppet.org.

29 MONDAY

★**U-M Climate Week Kickoff: University of Michigan.** Sept. 29–Oct. 5. Speeches and music & dance performances TBA. Preceded by a clothing swap on Ingalls Mall, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. (RSVP at lu.ma/sudd8gdi). Noon–1 p.m., *central Diag*. Full Climate Week schedule at climateweek.umich.edu.

★**“A Conversation with Henry Haggard”: U-M Center for Korean Studies.** Discussion with this former minister counselor for political affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul. 4:30–5:30 p.m., *Michigan Union, Pendleton Rm.* Free. (734) 764-1825.

★**“The Tension Between Infrastructure Development and a Decarbonized Power Future”: U-M Ford School of Public Policy.** Panel discussion with Washington, D.C. power consultancy Grid Strategies president Rob Gramlich and U-M public policy professors Catherine H. Hausman & Kaitlin Raimi. 4:30–6 p.m., *Weill Hall, Rm. 1110, 735 S. State*. Also available via livestream at tinyurl.com/um-ford-9-25-25. Free.

★**“The Art of Math”: Ann Arbor District Library.** Adults & teens invited to explore the intersection of art and geometry through mathematical puzzles and origami. 6–7 p.m., *AADL Westgate, 2503 Jackson Ave.* Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**“The Belles”: Literati Bookstore.** D.C.-area writer Lacey N. Dunham discusses her debut, a richly atmospheric, gothic novel about a young woman with a secretive past who will

risk everything to fit in at her secluded private college. 6:30 p.m., *Literati, 124 E. Washington*. Free. (734) 585-5567.

30 TUESDAY

★**“Sunrise Nature Hike”: Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** WCPARC naturalist Elle Bogle leads a morning hike through woods full of activity of the early days of autumn—mammals gathering winter food stores, birds beginning to migrate, and plants bursting with seeds. 8:30–10 a.m., *Scio Woods Preserve, 4000 Scio Church Rd.* Free. Preregistration required (space limited) at washtenaw.org/registerparks (#811009). Email questions to boglee@washtenaw.org.

★**“Constructing Economic Policy Paradigms in China: Bureaucratic Politics and the Many ‘China Models’”: U-M Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies Noon Lecture Series.** University of Virginia sociology professor Yingyao Wang discusses the role of mid-level bureaucrats in shaping China’s development trajectories and global ambition. Noon–1 p.m., *1010 Weiser Hall, 500 Church St.* Free. (734) 764-6308, chinese.studies@umich.edu.

★**“Powering Tomorrow Together: Uniting for a Clean Energy Future”: U-M School for Environment & Sustainability 23rd Annual Peter M. Wege Lecture.** Talk by former Michigan governor Jennifer Granholm, also Obama’s energy secretary. 5:30–6:30 p.m., *Rackham Auditorium*. Free; advance ticket required at mutotix.umich.edu. (734) 764-6453, seas-communications@umich.edu.

★**“Upcycled Poster Notebooks”: Ann Arbor District Library.** Adults and kids grade 3 & up invited to fold and staple posters from past library events to make a pocket notebook. 6–7:30 p.m., *AADL Downtown, Secret Lab*. Free. (734) 327-4200.

★**“Classic Michigan Food and Drinks: The Stories Behind the Brands”: Literati Bookstore.** Michigan writers Jon Milan and Gail Offen discuss their new book exploring this history of notable Michigan brands, including Kellogg’s, Gerber, Faygo, Vernors, Jiffy, and others. 6:30 p.m., *Literati, 124 E. Washington*. Free. (734) 585-5567.

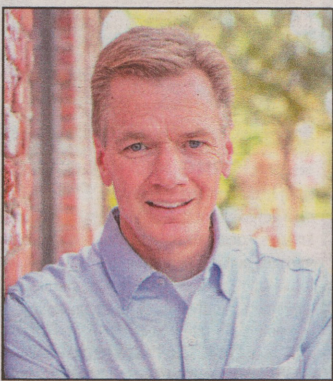
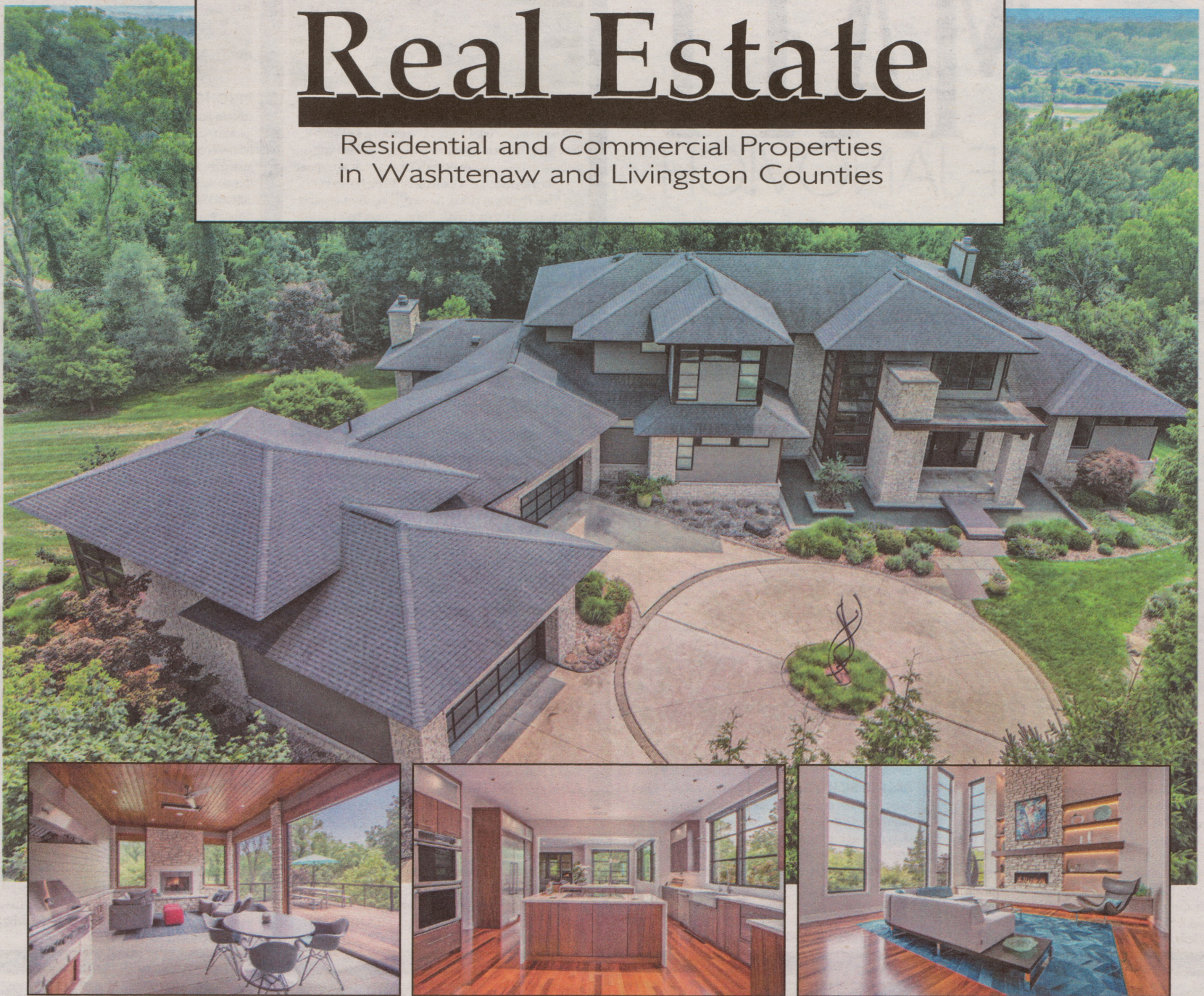
★**French Canadian Music Session: Ann Arbor Community for Traditional Music and Dance.** All musicians invited to bring acoustic instruments to trade tunes and play the dance music of French Canada: jigs, reels, waltzes, and so-called “crooked” tunes from Quebec, Acadia, and the Métis traditions. Knowledge of French not required. 7–9 p.m., *Pittsfield Twp. Bldg., Morris Hall, 6201 W. Michigan Ave.* Free. frenchcanadianmusic@aactmad.org, aactmad.org/french-canadian-session.

“Terry Riley’s In C”: Terpsichore Collective. This local professional contemporary dance troupe performs an improvisational dance with structural choreography by Aimee McDonald. Set to a live performance of Terry Riley’s haunted minimalist masterpiece *In C* by veteran local composer & multi-instrumentalist Benjamin Miller’s Sensorium Chamber Orchestra. Note: The U-M Contemporary Directions Ensemble performs *In C* on Sept. 2 (see listing). 7:30–8:15 p.m., *Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti*. \$10–\$30 pay what you can in advance at terpsichorecollective.com, & (if available) at the door.

★**“On Cue”: U-M Concert Band.** Courtney Snyder directs this music student ensemble in William Schuman’s *Chester Overture*, Grainger’s *Colonial Song*, Hindemith’s *Symphony in B flat*, Michelle Fernandez’s *Unidad en Ritmo*, and the premiere of Sterling Maffe’s *Little Picture*, featuring guest soloist Ilan Morgenstern, a Vancouver Symphony trombonist known for his “rhythmically driving, technically flawless, and unfailingly dynamic” playing. 8 p.m., *Hill Auditorium*. Free. (734) 764-2538.

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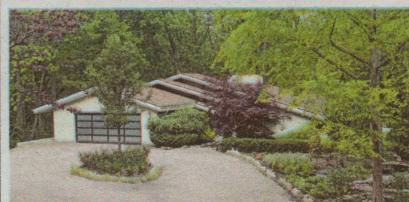
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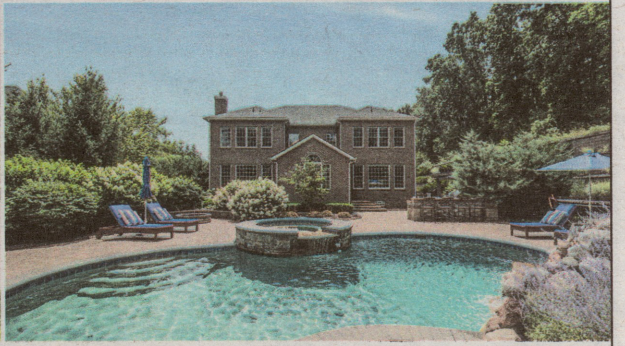
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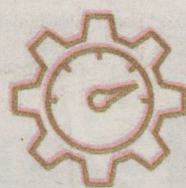
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1015 Lincoln Avenue, Ann Arbor

This turn-key 1920s Burns Park home offers 3 BD, 2 BA, a marble-clad kitchen w/ custom cabinetry and Dynasty range, and light-filled living room w/fireplace. Finished Attic and basement add flexible living space. \$895,000. Nancy Bishop. 734-646-1333.



127 Leith Street, Brighton

Elegant 4BD, 5BA 2020-built home steps from downtown Brighton with custom kitchen, luxe primary suite, junior suite, home office, walkout basement with wet bar, deck, fenced yard, and dog run. \$899,000. Christopher Bergmans. 734-730-3793.



4521 Links Court 35, Ann Arbor

Stylish 3BD, 4BA home in Ann Arbor's Stonebridge golf community with chef's kitchen, open layout, finished basement, serene primary suite, and private yard—just 10 minutes from downtown Ann Arbor. \$665,000. Abby Chase. 734-707-6375.



6756 Fleming Creek Drive, Superior Twp.

4BD, 3.5BA Arbor Hills brick colonial on wooded acre with chef's kitchen, bright family room, grand staircase, Jack & Jill bath, updated hardwood, and whole-house generator. \$999,000. Barbara Eichmuller. 734-645-9054.



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7373 Dell Road, Saline

4BR/3BA ranch in Saline Schools w/6-car garage, 40x60 pole barn, and stunning grounds. Updated kitchen, walkout lower level with second kitchen, heated sunroom, pool, gardens, and potting shed. \$849,900. Megan Mazurek. 734-645-4296.



8443 Donovan Road, Dexter

Custom 3BD, 3BA ranch on 5 wooded acres in Dexter with finished walk-out lower level, sunroom, cherry kitchen, cathedral living room, primary suite with deck access, and flexible lower-level spaces. \$675,000. Kim Peoples. 734-646-4012.



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8411 Reese Lane, Ann Arbor

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2225 Tilsby Court, Ann Arbor

Charming 4BD, 2.5BA center-entry colonial near Lawton Elementary with updated kitchen, wood-burning fireplace, formal living/dining, fenced backyard, and partially finished basement. \$635,000. Cristie Wilson. 734-646-4762.



588 Green Road, Ann Arbor

Spacious hilltop home backing to Narrow Gauge Park with gourmet kitchen, two-story family room with fireplace, formal dining, study, and luxurious primary suite with spa bath and deck. \$1,250,000. Judie Wu. 734-546-6140.



2667 Oxford Circle, Ann Arbor

Fabulous 5BD, 4BA 2018 end-unit condo with 1st-floor primary, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, chef's kitchen, Trex deck with pond views, loft, and 2-car garage—10 mins from downtown Ann Arbor. \$719,900. Jean Wedemeyer. 734-604-2523.



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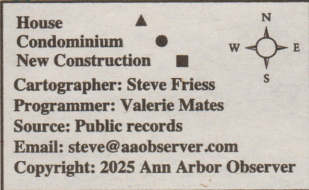


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Memorials



THOMAS WALTER MAST
(FEB. 15, 1944–JULY 15, 2025)
Tom Mast, second-generation owner of Mast Shoes, an Ann Arbor business that he helped shape into a local institution, passed away in Ann Arbor on Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

Tom was born in Ann Arbor on February 15, 1944, while his father Walter was serving overseas in WWII and his mother Helen was operating the shoe store that she and Walter had just opened two years earlier. Helen would keep infant Tom strapped in a bouncy chair at the entrance to their upstairs apartment as she waited on customers in the Main St. Ann Arbor store below.

Tom graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1961 and went on to study business at the University of Michigan, where he received his Bachelor's and Master's degree in Business Administration. Early in his studies, he met Linda Jo (Barnes), the love of his life. Tom and Linda would marry in 1966 and remain happily married until Linda's death in 2023.

After graduating from the University of Michigan, Tom was eager to prove he could succeed outside of his family's business. He and Linda moved to Elizabethtown, PA, where he taught business courses at Elizabethtown College. After having their first son, Steven, they wanted to be closer to family and moved back to Michigan. Shortly after, their family grew to include sons Kevin and Brian. Tom enjoyed his work at the Charge Card Corporation until he purchased The Cadillac Shoe Shop in that small northern MI city.

In 1982, Tom joined forces with his father and brother Greg, overseeing the Mast Shoes campus location at 619 E. Liberty, while Greg and Walter ran the Main St. location. In 1993, the brothers opened Mast Shoes' current location in the Westgate Shopping Center.

Tom created a playful, welcoming, and professional culture at the shoe store that resulted in meaningful and

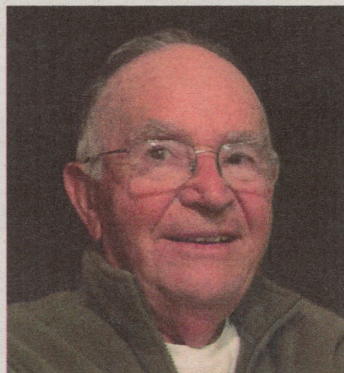
enjoyable work for his employees and memorable shopping experiences for his customers. Tom especially liked working with, encouraging, and mentoring young employees and watching them grow into confident, contributing members of the community.

Tom was very proud of his three sons, Steve, Kevin, and Brian. He loved them all very much and most of his conversations were about their accomplishments, until they grew up and conversations evolved into the escapades and accomplishments of grandchildren, of whom he was even prouder.

Tom enjoyed skiing, running, and traveling. Coastal California, Martha's Vineyard, and Traverse City, where he and Linda retired, were among his favorite destinations. He also enjoyed the company of a faithful dog by his side. Over the years these reliable companions included Brandy, Fisher, and Pearle.

Tom was preceded in death by his wife Linda and parents Walter and Helen. He is survived by his brother Gregory (Cindy); three sons Steven (Karen), Kevin (Melissa), Brian (Marla); and grandchildren Katherine (Joseph), Marshall, Marianna, Stevie, Stella, and Hudson.

A private family service will be held to honor Tom's life.



SIMONE MOLA

Simone Mola, age 96, of Saline, Michigan, passed away peacefully on July 31, 2025. Simone was born in Mola di Bari, Italy.

Simone shared 68 years of marriage with his wife Luci (née Anichini). He was the proud father of Lori (Terry) Compagner and John (Roy Sexton) Mola, and a cherished grandfather ("Nonno") to Gabby (Avery) Confer and Andrew (Fan Meng fiancée) Rundall. He was also a dear brother of six.

Simone immigrated to the United States from Italy in the late 1940s, first settling in Chicago. He worked his way through college at the Illinois

Institute of Technology, supporting himself through jobs in construction and the applied trades. After earning his undergraduate degree, he met and married Luci Anichini, and together they began a new chapter in Michigan.

Simone went on to build a distinguished career in the auto industry, with early roles at Studebaker-Packard and Buick. The couple eventually settled in the Flint/Grand Blanc area, where Simone pursued graduate and doctoral studies in engineering at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

After his tenure at Buick, Simone transitioned into academia, accepting a faculty position at General Motors Institute (now Kettering University) where he served as a full professor for nearly 30 years. His work in automotive suspension design was published in multiple textbooks and remains foundational in the field to this day. Simone guided generations of engineering students, many of whom went on to lead and innovate in the automotive industry.

Simone and Luci raised two accomplished children, Lori and John, who followed in their father's footsteps. Like Simone, both graduated from the University of Michigan and became automotive engineers. Go Blue!

Simone was an avid gardener, wine-maker, cat lover, and Andrea Bocelli fan. He was intelligent, introspective, and analytical in nature. This was offset by Luci's passion for the arts, for creating beautiful spaces as a successful interior designer, and for connecting through conversation with everyone she meets.

Visitation and funeral services were held on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at Holy Name Cedar Lake Catholic Church, 11000 W. 133rd, Cedar Lake, IN. Interment took place at Holy Name Cemetery, directly behind the church. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made in Simone's name to Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton, Michigan: adoptapetfenton.com. Arrangements entrusted to Elmwood Funeral Home Chapel and Crematory, Cedar Lake, IN, (219) 374-9300.

RICHARD ELDEN WEBER, MD

Richard Elden Weber, MD, 89, of Ann Arbor passed away on July 11, 2025. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Madelon Klunover Weber, daughter Karen, son Richard II (Jackie), and his adored grandchildren Samson and Rachel. Richard was a devoted, empathetic physician and educator.

His devotion and deep love for his family will be his legacy. Richard's kindness, selflessness, exceptional sense of humor, and abiding love will be greatly missed.



PAMELA JANICE WHITE

Pamela Janice White passed away at home on July 23, 2025 at age 70. Pam was born in Detroit in 1954 to Edward Kwiet and Myrna (Bunia) Kwiet. She graduated from Oxford (Michigan) High School in 1972, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Grand Valley in 1978. She is survived by Chris (73), her husband of 40 years, and her daughter, Betsy White (39) who resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

Pam's career as a graphic artist was cut short due to illness, but she still utilized her artistic skill in other ways, like making her daughter's high school graduation invitations. She was an avid seamstress and made the majority of her daughter's Halloween costumes. The Pinocchio costume was a particular favorite. Her favorite color was purple. If you needed to buy a gift for Pam, as long as it was purple you were set. She even considered getting a purple streak in her hair. Pam hated olives and The Olive Garden. Neither Chris nor Betsy have any idea why she disliked that restaurant so much. She was an accomplished gardener, qualified as a Rosarian, and was president of the Huron Valley Rose Society in the 1990s. Flower arranging provided an outlet for her artistic talent, and her arrangements won a number of awards in rose competitions. Her flower arrangements could be stunning. She enjoyed reading fantasy and science fiction, and listening to rock and blues. Some of her favorite artists were Joni Mitchell, Paul Simon, Paul McCartney, and Black Sabbath.

Later in life, Pam found community in Second Life, an online multiplayer RPG game. She made friends, and enjoyed getting to create her own world unburdened by her physical limitations. In Second Life she was a fairy and, of course, her outfit was purple.

Pam will be missed greatly by her family and friends. She was an amazing wife and mother.

A memorial was held at Nie Funeral Home, 3767 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor on Saturday, August 16, 2025.



THOMAS LAVENDER

Thomas Lavender passed away peacefully at Duke Hock Family Pavilion on July 19, 2025. He was 82. Tom was born March 9, 1943, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to Paul and Florence Lavender. He grew up in Ann Arbor and was an avid hockey player, hunter, and marksman. He met the love of his life, Susan Kagay, at Pioneer High School. He graduated from Northwood University in 1963 and attended Ferris State University. Tom and "Susie" were married in 1964 and began their life together in Ann Arbor. They had three children, Wendy, Paula, and Mark. Dad became a member of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada in 1964, a Master Plumber and Pipefitter in 1970, and eventually served as a Trustee for Local 190. Over the years he supervised large-scale projects, including many at the University of Michigan and automotive plants in Southeastern Michigan and Indiana. He took great pride in his trade and was known for his exceptional work ethic and unwavering loyalty to the union. After retirement, Dad became an instructor for the Union Journeymen and Apprentice Training Program and was known for his no-nonsense manner. Dad was a Freemason and became a Master Mason in the Manchester, MI Masonic Lodge. In 1973 Dad and Mom built their dream home and established Hill Water Farm in Sharon Township, MI. Over the years they had large vegetable gardens and raised geese, chickens, turkeys, sheep, horses, and steers. Dad loved farming and created a beautiful stocked pond he was very proud of. They had many beloved pet dogs, cats, and goats over the years; Dad's last companion dog, Floyd, preceded him in 2022. Dad and Mom enjoyed traveling and visited Hawaii, hiked the Grand Canyon, Saint Thomas, California, cruised to Alaska, and had many family vacations in the Carolinas. In 2017 they moved to Balsam in the mountains of North Carolina. They moved to Durham, NC in 2019 and made many friends in their Beth Page community. Tom was preceded in death by his beloved wife Susie, parents, sister Tammy Howe, and niece Anne Lidster. He is survived by his children, Wendy Lavender of Raleigh, NC, Paula Lavender of Durham, NC, and Mark Lavender of Adrian, MI, granddaughter Hanna Lavender and great-grandson Harvey Sivyer, nieces Lori Kagay, Patty Reiter, and nephew Eugene Lidster. Our Dad will be remembered for his prankster sense of humor, hard work, and thorough enjoyment of conversation with everyone he met. We miss him very much. Given Dad's love of animals, in lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Animal Protection Society of Durham or other rescue organizations.

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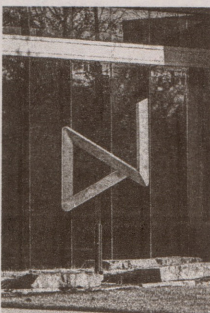
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"I Spy the Aviation Fuel company sculpture west of the southeast area Bicentennial Park!" writes Kathryn Powell, referencing August's clue. It's "one of the many features that make this global headquarters campus look like a nice place to work."

"The company is a global supplier of aviation fuel and services," writes Barb Tester. Avfuel's "headquarters is right here in Ann Arbor," says David Karl, and it's "considered a green aviation business" according to industry standards.

The logo of Avfuel Corporation at 47 W. Ellsworth is "an artistic combination of the letters A and V," says Rudi Hauleitner. "It kind of reminds me of the impossible triangle," writes Karl, "a variation of the Penrose Triangle ... used quite a bit by the artist M.C. Escher." And, it's certainly memorable. "I have no idea why I know the logo on sight," says Eric Sobocinski, "and knew where to look."

"Fun fact: There is another, larger, version of this symbol on the back patio in the building," writes our random drawing



winner, Katie Slovan. "The landscaping in the back parking lot has the shape cut out of greenery so that planes flying over top of the building can spot it as they approach the runway to the Ann Arbor Airport nearby!"

Fifteen entrants correctly identified Avfuel on Ellsworth. As the Observer went to press, Slovan hadn't yet decided where to enjoy her \$25 gift certificate. To enter this month's contest, use the image and clue above and send your answer to the address below.

fake ad

by Jay Forstner

We received more than 200 entries correctly identifying the Fake Ad for "Meat Cute" on page 68 of the August issue.

"It helped that I learned the meaning of 'meet cute' a while back listening to an episode of *This American Life*," writes Ernest Pollitz, "but the play area (with characters including the name of the past month's winner) and the vision of bulk bins of lard and tallow were pretty good signals. You could have gone a step further revealing a farm-to-table café where perusing the pasture replaces ordering off the menu (like fresh lobster at a seafood restaurant)."

"One giveaway was the Sowfront address, knowing as I do that the local porcine (side?) road is similar but called



Hogback," writes Robert LaJeunesse. "The name of Burch is split between the character names 'WilBUR, CHarlotte.'"

"All those literary animals—I hope they are not in the butcher's refrigerated case," writes Ken Varnum.

"Is MAHA (Michigan Association for Harvesting Animals) a response to the restructuring of the federal food regulations? If so, doubly clever!"

And Matt Syal wrapped up the whole month in a brown paper package tied up with string: "I liked how you butchered Deborah Burch's name!!"

Kobe Howcroft was chosen as our winner, and will be enjoying a gift certificate at Zingerman's. To enter this month's contest, find the Fake Ad and let us know at the address below. Hint: The ad always contains the last name of the previous month's winner in some form.

Order *The Fake Ad Book* and *I Spy: Ann Arbor Architecture* at annarborobserver.com/books. To enter this month's contests, email backpage@aaobserver.com or write to us at PO Box 1187, AA 48106. All correct entries received by noon, September 10, will be eligible for our random drawings. Winners receive \$25 gift cards or certificates to any business advertising in this issue.

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classical, religious, cabaret

- "Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto" with pianist Martin James Bartlett (Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra), Sept. 12
- New York Polyphony, acclaimed a cappella quartet (Academy of Early Music), Sept. 20
- "A Grand Night for Singing" showcase of U-M choral ensembles (U-M Music School), Sept. 21
- "Verdi's Requiem," Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the UMS Choral Union (University Musical Society), Sept. 26

Vernacular Music

pop, rock, jazz, & traditional

- Michigan Marching Band Practice, (U-M new Elbel Field), every Mon.-Thurs., except Sept. 1
- Indian Classical Music with Sugata & Amit Chatterjee (Ann Arbor District Library), Sept. 7
- Pianist André Mehmari with the "Great Brazilian Songbook" (Kerrytown Concert House), Sept. 19
- Mat Kearney, Nashville-based singer-songwriter (Live Nation), Sept. 19
- Noah Jackson & Full Circle, NYC-based jazz (University Musical Society, Ypsilanti Freight-house), Sept. 20 & 21
- "A2 Jazz Fest," free performances by local and national acts, Sept. 27 & 28
- Country star Zach Bryan & rocker John Mayer, in the first concert ever held at Michigan Stadium, Sept. 27

See Nightspots, p. 54, for shows at the Ark, Blue LLama, Blind Pig, & other clubs.

Theater, Opera, & Dance

- "Urinetown" musical comedy satire (Professional Youth Theatre), Sept. 5-7
- "Homage to the Old West Side" (U-M Dance Department), Sept. 6 & 7
- "Stevie Wonder Tribute" (Encore Musical Theatre Company), Sept. 11-14
- "Gloria," playwright Branden Jacobs-Jenkins' 2015 comedy-drama (U-M Theatre Department), Sept. 25-28 & Oct. 2-5
- "Norma & Wanda" Jeff Daniels' 2005 comedy (Purple Rose Theatre), Sept. 25-Dec. 21
- "The Great Gatsby Ballet" (World Ballet Company), Sept. 27

Comedy, Storytelling, & Performance Art

- The Moth StorySLAM, on the topics "Underdog" & "Tests" (Michigan Public), Sept. 2 & 16
- Steve Hofstetter, satirical political comic (the Blind Pig), Sept. 10
- Al Jackson, insightful narrative comic (Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase), Sept. 19 & 20
- "Comedy Bingo" stand-up, live music, bingo (Ziggy's), Sept. 24
- "Domestic Resurrection Revolution in Progress Circus," a rare local performance by this venerable political theater company (Bread & Puppet Theater), Sept. 28

Festivals, Fairs, & Shows

- "Rasa Festival," Indian dance & music (Michigan Sahana/Ann Arbor District Library), Sept. 10 & 13
- "Street Art Encounter," mural painting, live music (Main Street Ann Arbor), Sept. 12
- "Monarch Migration Festival," butterfly release, games (Leslie Science & Nature Center), Sept. 14
- Saline Oktoberfest, wiener dog races, music, games (Saline Main Street), Sept. 19 & 20
- Michigan Folk School Folk Festival, demos, music, games (Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation), Sept. 20

- "Pie Lovers Unite!" pie tastings, cake walk, music (Slow Food Huron Valley), Sept. 21
- "a2Tech360" tech festival (Ann Arbor Spark), Sept. 24-Oct. 3
- "Refugia Festival" music and nature (U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens/Nichols Arboretum), Sept. 28
- "U-M Climate Week," talks and activities (University of Michigan), Sept. 29-Oct. 5

Lectures, Readings, & Forums

- Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Carl Phillips (U-M Zell Visiting Writers Series), Sept. 4
- "Putin's Eternal War" CNN Russia correspondent Jill Dougherty (U-M Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies), Sept. 9
- "James Baldwin: The Life Album" Magdalena Zaborowska on her biography (Literati Bookstore), Sept. 10
- "Inside the Firings and the Future of the Federal Workforce" NPR labor correspondent Andrea Hsu (U-M Wallace House), Sept. 11
- "An Artist's Journey Into the Wild," Catherine Chalmers (U-M Penny Stamps Series), Sept. 11
- Elizabeth Gilbert on her new memoir "All the Way to the River" (Literati Bookstore), Sept. 14
- "Europe & America: Where Are We & Where Are We Going?" a panel of diplomats (U-M Weiser Diplomacy Center), Sept. 15
- Former Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg and journalist Kara Swisher on "The State of U.S. Democracy" (U-M Rackham Graduate School), Sept. 17
- Rhiannon Giddens, musician and scholar, on "Music of the American Underclass: What Really Made America Great" (U-M Penny Stamps Series), Sept. 25
- "NCAA's New World Order" sportswriter John U. Bacon, Michigan Public host Doug Tribou (Michigan Public Issues & Ale), Sept. 25
- Jennifer Granholm, former Michigan governor and U.S. Secretary of Energy, on "Uniting for a Clean Energy Future" (U-M School for Environment & Sustainability), Sept. 30

Family & Kids' Stuff

- "KinderConcerts" intro to the orchestra (Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra), Sept. 11-13
- "Old-Timey Game Night" at Parker Mill (Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation), Sept. 12
- "Home Run for the House" field day fundraiser with U-M baseball coach Tracy Smith (Ronald McDonald House), Sept. 14
- "Ypsi Fall River Day," kayaking, crafts, games (Ypsilanti Parks & Recreation/Huron River Watershed Council), Sept. 21
- "Dragons Everywhere All at Once" Chinese dragon dance, crafts (UMMA Family Day), Sept. 21
- "Family Frightfest" haunted maze, hayrides (Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds), Sept. 27
- "Fall Festival" trike-a-thon, firetruck, more (First Steps/Ann Arbor PTO Fundraiser), Sept. 27

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Miscellaneous

- "Fall Migration in Nichols Arboretum" bird watching (Washtenaw Bird & Nature Alliance), every Thurs., Aug. 28-Oct. 30
- "Moth Night at the Arb" (Washtenaw Bird & Nature Alliance), Sept. 6
- "Women's Nature Camp" (Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation), Sept. 12-14
- "Fall River Roundup" citizen science project (Huron River Watershed Council), Sept. 27
- "Remodelers Home Tour" (Builders and Remodelers Association), Sept. 27 & 28

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OCTOBER 09

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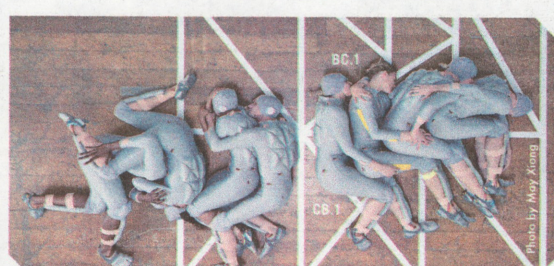
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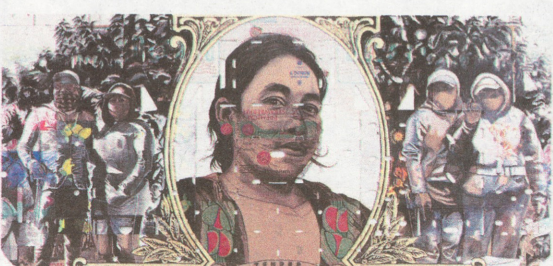
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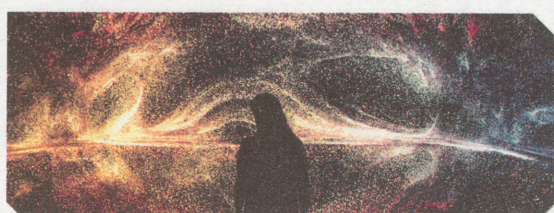
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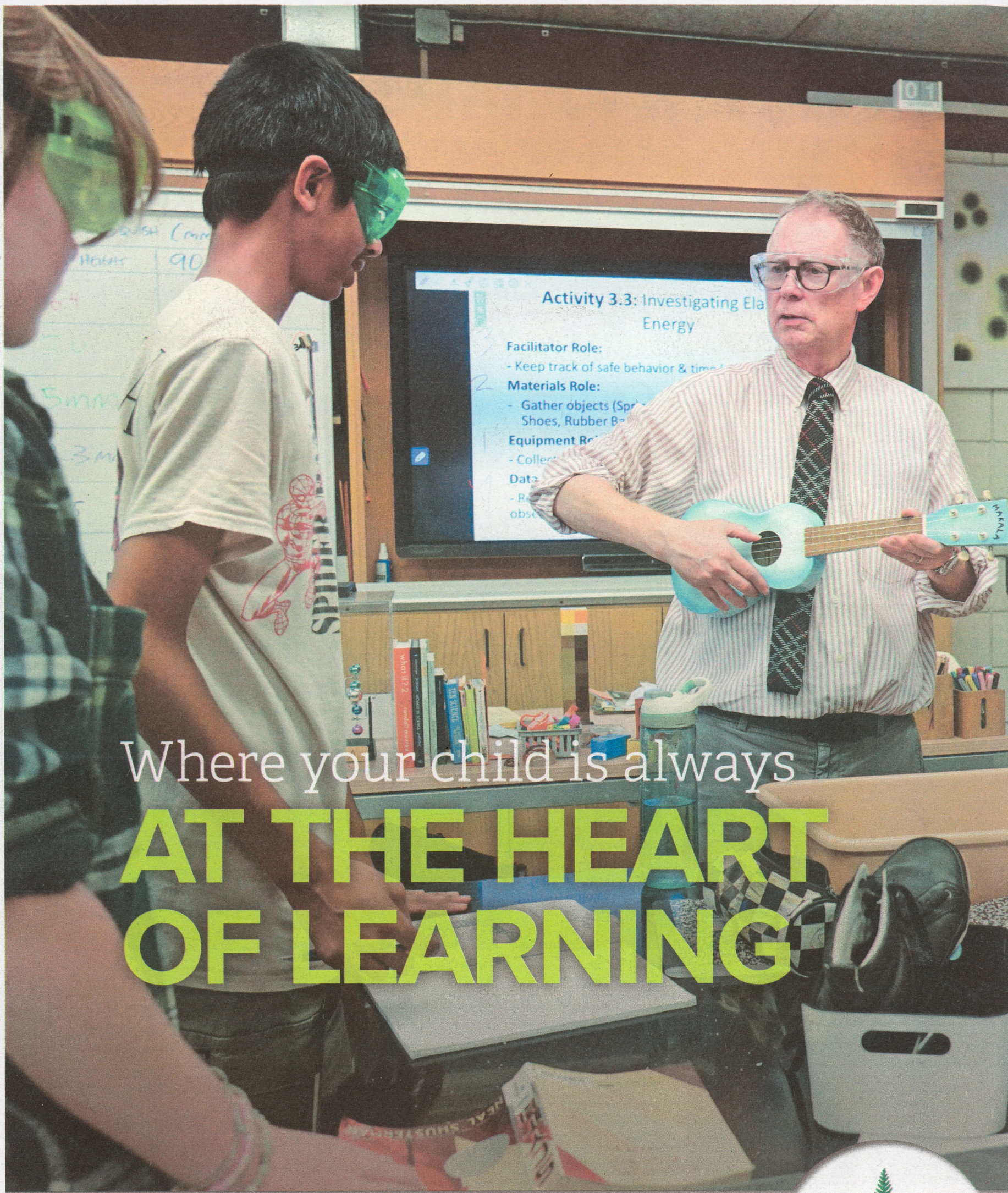
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